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A TERRIBLE BATTLE.

Attack Upon the Rebels at Murfreesboro by Gen. Rosecrans.

Severe Fighting All Day Wednesday.

The Rebel Centre Broken by Gen. Thomas.

Their Intrenchments at Murfreesboro Captured.

Gens. Rousseau, Palmer and Stanley Wounded.

The Rebel Gens. Cheatham and Rains Killed.

NEAR MURFREESBORO, Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Our whole line suffered terribly this morning. Four regiments of regulars lost half their men and all their commanding officers.

Major ANDERSON'S troops suffered severely.

Majors ROSECRANTZ and WARD are killed.

Generals STANLEY, ROUSSEAU and PALMER are wounded.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Gen. THOMAS has just broken the rebel centre, and driven the enemy a mile.

We are advancing our whole line.

Gen. ROSECRANS is personally superintending the movements. One shot killed two of his Staff officers.

The Fifteenth Wisconsin Regiment has lost seven Captains.

Gen. NEGLEY's artillery is still mowing the rebels in the centre.

Gen. CRITTENDEN's left wing has taken the intrenchments at Murfreesboro.

The rebel Generals CHEATHAM and RAINS are killed.

REPORTS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

The Secretary of War to-day received the following advices:

CINCINNATI, Friday, Jan. 2.

The following has just been received by telegraph from Cincinnati, dated Murfreesboro, Jan. 1, 1863:

A terrible battle was fought yesterday. The latest from the field is up to noon. The rebel centre had been broken, and things looked favorable. The losses are reported to be enormous. STANLY, ROUSSEAU and PALMER are wounded, and the rebels CHEATHAM and RAINS are killed.

Gen. ROSECRANS occupies Murfreesboro.

(Signed,) J. T. BOYLE, Brigadier-General.

LATER PARTICULARS.

The Rebels Driven Out of Murfreesboro—The Losses Very Severe.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

The Federals encountered the rebels on the 30th ult., near Stewart's Creek. After heavy skirmishing, the rebels were driven back. We captured one hundred prisoners, and killed and wounded a large number of rebels. Our loss was severely killed and wounded.

At daybreak, on the 31st, the fight was resumed with great fury. McCOOK's corps was opposed to HARDEE. After desperate fighting, with heavy loss on both sides, McCOOK retreated two miles. He soon rallied, and was driven back. At night he was four miles this side of the ground occupied in the morning. The fight continued until 10 o'clock P. M., at which time we had maintained our position.

The Federal loss is very heavy.

KILLED.

Brig.-Gen. Hill.
Lieut.-Col. Garesche, Chief of Gen. Rosecrans' Staff.
Brig.-Gen. Willick, of Indiana.
Col. Kill, Second Ohio.
Col. Shaffer, Acting Brigadier General.
Col. Farmer, Fifteenth Kentucky.
Col. Jones, Twenty-fourth Ohio.
Lieut.-Col. Cotton, Sixth Kentucky.
Lieut.-Col. Jones, Thirty-ninth Indiana.
Maj. Carpenter, Nineteenth Regular.
Maj. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia.
Capt. Garrett, Nineteenth Illinois.
Col. Carpenter, Eighteenth Wisconsin.
Lieut.-Col. McKee, 15th Wisconsin.

WOUNDED.

Brig.-Gen. E. M. Kirk, of Illinois; Wood, of Indiana; Van Cleve, of Minnesota.
Col. Cassily, of Ohio.
Major [illegible], of Kentucky.
Lieut.-Col. [illegible], Twelfth Kentucky.
Major Slessner, Sixteenth Kentucky.
Major King, Fifteenth Regular, and many others.

The Twenty-first, Twenty-fifth and Thirty-fifth Illinois, lost two-thirds, and the Twenty and Thirty-sixth Ohio, one half their number. The One hundred and first Ohio lost 125 men; the Forty-eighth Indiana about the same number.

The total killed and wounded is estimated at 2,500. The rebel loss exceeds ours.

Gen. J. R. RAINES was killed. Gen. CHEATHAM was wounded and taken prisoner.

We have captured 500 prisoners.

RENEWAL OF THE BATTLE ON THE 1ST.

The fight was renewed at 7 A. M. on Jan. 1. The connecting wing found at Nashville, the 16th A. M. Wood's and Van Cleve's Divisions were in Murfreesboro driving the enemy, who were in full retreat.

Three hundred prisoners reached Nashville at 6 P. M., on Jan. 1, including the following commissioned officers:

Maj. J. J. FRANKLIN, Thirtieth Arkansas.
Capt. W. B. JOHNSON, Second Arkansas.
Capt. J. P. EAGLES, Second Arkansas.
Capt. S. C. BROWN, First Tennessee Cavalry.

Many buildings have been taken for hospital purposes. Great numbers of wounded are being brought in now.

The river has fallen 18 inches on the shoals.

DEFEAT OF THE GUERRILLA MORGAN.

A Large Number of His Men Killed and Captured.

Our Forces Still in Pursuit.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Friday, Jan. 2.

Col. HOSKINS of the Twelfth Kentucky Regiment, commanding the Federal forces at Lebanon, Kentucky, attacked the Guerrilla MORGAN, south of the Columbia road yesterday, killing and wounding several and capturing sixty of his force, together with their caissons, ammunition wagons and provisions. Col. HALLIDAY, of the Sixth Kentucky Regiment, Lieut.-Col. BOYLE, commanding Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, with the Sixth Kentucky Infantry, are in pursuit of MORGAN. The infantry are under Col. HOSKINS.

MORGAN is retreating very rapidly in the direction of Columbia.

SEYMOUR VS. THE POLICE.

Charges Against the Police Board—Its Members Summoned to the Executive Chamber.

THE GOVERNOR TO BE THE JUDGE.

Great Excitement in the City, and Among the Policemen.

THE FIRST STEP BACKWARD.

The Anti-Administration journals of this City have prophesied cunningly since the result of the late election, concerning the probable action of Gov. SEYMOUR in reference to the support of the National Administration, and to other matters more local.

A principal boast has been that the Police power should not long remain in the hands of the present Board; that Superintendent KENNEDY should at once be removed, and, if possible, the members of the Board put out of the way, and their places filled by such persons as FERRY and COMSTOCK.

How truthfully they prophesied the following documents will show:

Gov. SEYMOUR has caused charges to be preferred against the Commissioners of Police for dereliction of duty, in connection with the decision in the Brinsmade case, and the order to Superintendent KENNEDY in reference to the vote of registered aliens, which will be found fully set forth in the specifications following. It will be seen that a very remarkable haste is manifested in bringing on the proceedings. Notice was served on one of the Commissioners at 10 o'clock on Thursday night.

It will be noticed, also, that the time of trial is "at 12 M.," is in the interim between the vacating of the gubernatorial chair by Gov. MORGAN, on New Year's Day, and the meeting of the Legislature on Monday next. It seems that the new Governor had not got warm in his seat before he dispatched an officer in the Albany train to serve notice upon the Commissioners.

While charges are made against one and all of the Commissioners for dereliction of duty, the Governor proposes to have their trial in the County of Albany on the affidavit of an individual, while the law, as held in the famous case of JONES vs. OSBORN, is, that the trial must take place in the county where the accused resides, that the District-Attorney may, if necessary, issue attachments to compel the attendance of witnesses.

The following is the law relative to the removal of sheriffs, clerks, &c., on charges, and is applicable to the case of the Commissioners: Vol. I., section 31 of Part I., chap. 5, title 6, page 414 of Revised Statutes of New-York is as follows:

Sec. 31 (Sec. 44.) The Governor may remove the Sheriff, any Coroner, (District-Attorney,) or Clerk of the City and County of New-York, any time within the term for which he shall have been elected, giving to such officer a copy of the charge against him, and an opportunity of being heard in his defense before any removal shall be made.

Sec. 32 (Sec. 45.) The Governor may direct the District-Attorney of the county in which such officer shall be, to conduct an inquiry into the truth of the charges made, who shall give at least eight days' notice to the officer accused, of the time and place when he will proceed to the examination of witnesses before some Judge of the County Court.

Sec. 33. (Sec. 46.) The District-Attorney may issue process of subpœna in his own name, and with the like effect as in cases of complaints before Grand Juries, to compel the attendance of any witnesses he shall deem material, before the County Judge, and such Judge shall have the same power to enforce obedience to such subpœnas by attachment, and to commit any person who shall refuse to be sworn or to answer, as the Court of Common Pleas would have in a civil cause pending therein.

"Sec. 34. (Sec. 47.) On the application of the officer accused to the District-Attorney, or to any Justice of the Peace, he shall be entitled to the like process of subpœna, which may be enforced in the same manner by the Judge before whom the same inquiry shall be conducted.

"Sec. 35. (Sec. 48.) At the time and place specified in such notice, the County Judge, before whom the inquiry shall be conducted, shall proceed to take the testimony of the witnesses produced before him by the District Attorney, or by the accused officer; the witnesses shall be sworn by such Judge; every answer given by them to any question which either party shall require to be reduced to writing, shall be written; their testimony shall be read to and subscribed by them, and shall be certified by the Judge taking the same, and delivered to the District Attorney, to be by him transmitted to the Governor."

The following are the

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, Jan. 1, 1863.

SIR: Annexed are copies of charges of official misconduct preferred against you, and I do hereby appoint Saturday next, the 3d day of January, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Executive Chamber in the City of Albany, as the time and place of hearing the same. I am very respectfully, &c.,

HORATIO SEYMOUR.

To THOS. C. ACKER, one of the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police.

CHARGES OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST THOS. C. ACKER, ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE.

First—That the said THOMAS C. ACKER, being one of the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police, under the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof,' passed April 16, 1860, did, on or about the 9th day of August, in the year 1862, permit and suffer JOHN A. KENNEDY, being the Superintendent of Metropolitan Police force, and the Inspectors, Captains, Sergeants and Patrolmen of the said Metropolitan Police, to accept, and from thence until on or about the 3d day of October following, to exercise the functions of the pretended offices of Special Provost-Marshal for the Metropolitan Police District of New-York without authority of law.

2. That said KENNEDY so being such Superintendent, having, while exercising such pretended office, without warrant, process or other authority of law, imprisoned and held in custody and confinement in one of the Police Station-houses of the City of New-York, under the control of said Police Commissioners, Mrs. ISABEL BRINSMADE, from on or about the 31st day of September, in the year 1862, to the 2d day of November next succeeding, without, during that entire period, having caused her to be brought before any magistrate, in violation of the provisions of section 37 of the above-mentioned act, and without having disclosed the fact of such imprisonment to the Police Commissioners of said Metropolitan Police District, and the said Police Commissioners having caused charges to be preferred against said KENNEDY for misconduct in the matter, and a trial of such charges having taken place before them, the said THOMAS C. ACKER, by his decision thereon, bearing date the first day of December, in the year 1862, did find and decide as follows:

CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, No. 413 BROOME-STREET, CORNER OF ELM, NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1862.

In the matter of complaint against the Superintendent of Police for improper conduct.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, Mrs. BRINSMADE was arrested in the City of Washington, on the —— day of September, by direction of Provost-Marshal BAKER, a subordinate officer of the Department; that she was then detained in custody by said BAKER, and by his order was brought to New-York by a police officer, with the verbal request of said BAKER to the Superintendent that she should be held in custody, and no person be admitted to her conversation or visit, until transportation to New-Orleans was provided for her; that transportation to New-Orleans not having been provided, the Superintendent, on the 15th October, applied to said BAKER for an order for her release, and that BAKER declined to issue such order, and by a letter then written, addressed to the Superintendent, but dated at the War Department, that the Secretary of War considered the arrest of Mrs. BRINSMADE as unwarranted, and that there was no authority by which she could be sent to New-Orleans, and she was further held in custody till the 2d November, when she was released by the Superintendent, on the request of Captain DRAYER, Provost-Marshal-General, and that during the period of her detention, until the 2d of November, there has been no evidence adduced to show that either the Secretary of War, his assistant secretaries, or the Judge Advocate-General, had any knowledge of the arrest or detention of Mrs. BRINSMADE, by order of said BAKER.

Resolved, That a citizen cannot lawfully be held in custody longer than is sufficient to bring him before a magistrate, except on a commitment by a magistrate, or, if not a military or transport, then, on a written order of a competent officer of the General Government; and therefore that the detention of Mrs. BRINSMADE, on the verbal request of a subordinate and irresponsible officer, was an unwarrantable assumption of power.

Resolved, That, as personal liberty is the most sacred of political rights, it was the duty of the Superintendent to have applied immediately to the War Department, on Mrs. BRINSMADE *being placed in custody*, to learn if her detention was authorized by that Department.

Resolved, That it was the *duty of the Superintendent* to have obtained the previous consent of the *Board of Police for the unusual purpose of the detention of a prisoner in one of the Station houses*, inasmuch as they are not under his control, and because their care and custody are exclusively with the Board of Police.

Resolved, That the specification of rude and offensive conduct to Dr. PARRIS is not proven.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be and he is hereby censured.

First—For the retention of Mrs. BRINSMADE as a prisoner without warrant or order in writing by competent authority.

Second—For omitting to make application to the War Department for instructions in respect to Mrs. BRINSMADE.

Third—For using the Station-house of the Board of Police for an unusual purpose without the previous consent of the Board.

Resolved, That while it is the duty of this Board to rebuke every assumption of unauthorized power, and every infringement of rules established for the government of the Police force, it is also incumbent on the Board to express, at suitable times, its approval of the general good conduct of its officers, and therefore,

Resolved, That the Superintendent, by his earnest zeal, his fidelity, and by the ability he has shown in the discharge of his arduous duties, is entitled to and has the entire confidence of the Board of Police.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

This in effect justifying the unlawful assumption of power by said KENNEDY, in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, and placing in peril the personal liberty of every citizen of New-York.

Third—That the Station-houses in said District have been used as prisons for the incarceration and confinement therein, without authority of law and in contempt of the Constitution and laws of the State, of Mrs. ISABEL BRINSMADE and other persons for long periods of time, without the knowledge of Police Commissioners, he being by his own confession, throughout a period of two months, ignorant of the exercise of the plainest duties of his office, and in a matter affecting the most sacred right of the citizens. The undersigned therefore prays that the said (Commissioner's name) may be forthwith removed from his place as one of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police; that in consequence of the arbitrary and unlawful conduct of the said Commissioners, the liberties of our citizens are not secure at this time, and submit that the good name of the State and the rights of the citizens demand that such removal should be immediate. H. K. BLAUVELT.

DATED JAN. 1, 1863.

City and County of Albany.—HENRY K. BLAUVELT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is acquainted with the facts in the foregoing charge, and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. H. K. BLAUVELT.

Sworn before me this first day of January, 1863.

JOSIAH B. PARRIS, Commissioner of Deeds.

The undersigned also presents as a fourth charge the following order and charge: That the same was calculated and intended to deter citizens in the exercise of the elective franchise and in violation of law.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT METROPOLITAN POLICE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER No. 234.—CAPTAIN PARKER—Sir: In order that the War Department may be aided in holding to military service for the term of the draft all persons who, by false representations, may attempt to evade the draft, you will select a competent and trusty man from each election district in your precinct, whose duty it shall be to remain at the poll of the district, on the 4th inst., from the opening to the closing thereof, and there carefully to note each person offering to vote, and, if practicable, poll, and whose name appears on the exemption book, as having been excused from draft by our Court, on the ground of being an alien or non-resident; and every such exempt who may so offer to vote will be secured and conveyed to the Station-house, there to be detained subject to the orders of the Secretary of War. You will make a special report to this office of all such arrests, at the earliest convenient opportunity.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Superintendent.

DANIEL CARPENTER, Inspector.

Dated Jan. 1, 1863.

City and County of Albany, ss.: HENRY K. BLAUVELT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is acquainted with the facts in the foregoing charge, and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. H. K. BLAUVELT.

Sworn before me, the 1st day of January, 1863.

JOS. B. PARRIS, Commissioner of Deeds.

The facts soon became known at Headquarters and in the City generally. The most intense excitement naturally resulted, and the wildest rumors of physical violence and contempt of jurisdiction were circulated most freely.

All statements in addition to what we here give are surmises, and unauthorized rumors, to which we decline giving currency.

NEWS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Shipments of Treasure for England and New-York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Friday, Jan. 2.

Arrived, steamer *Sierra Nevada* from Oregon, with $90,000 in gold.

The Legislature of Washington Territory, after two weeks spent in an exciting contest over an election for presiding officers and Sergeants of the Council, which latter is composed of nine members, has commenced the transaction of business.

Sailed, Steamer *Constitution*, with $1,097,000 in treasure for England, and $203,000 for New-York.

NEWARK NEWSPAPERS.—The Newark *Daily Advertiser* and *Daily Journal* have raised their prices a to increase paid subscribers, and now sell to $7 50 per annum, which is the price of the *Tribune*. The *Advertiser* makes no change in its price, but reduces its size one column.

IMPORTANT FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

Arrival of the I. R. Spaulding and the George Washington.

Gen. Butler and Staff on Board the Spaulding.

His Farewell Address to the People of New-Orleans.

Another Proclamation by Gen. Banks.

Release of State Prisoners and Reopening of the Churches.

NO NEWS FROM UP THE RIVER.

The United States steam transport *R. R. Spaulding*, Capt. S. Howes, arrived at this port Thursday, from New-Orleans, which port she sailed from Dec. 26. She brings as passengers Maj.-Gen. BUTLER and staff, and a number of officers attached to Gen. BUTLER's command.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.—Maj.-Gen. Butler, Maj. Geo. C. Strong, Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff; Col. J. W. Shaffer, Chief Quartermaster; Col. J. N. Turner, Chief Commissary; Surgeon Charles McCorm, ck, Medical Director; Capt. Geo. A. Roupel, Chief of Artillery; Lieut.-Col. J. B. Kinsman, Aid-de-Camp; Maj. Joseph M. Bell, Aid-de-Camp; Capt. P. Haggerty, Aid-de-Camp; Capt. E. S. Davis, Aid-de-Camp; Capt. A. F. Foster, Aid-de-Camp; Lieut. H. C. Clarke, Aid-de-Camp; Lieut. Frederick Martin, Aid-de-Camp.

Also the following officers, with their commands:

Col. F. W. McMillan, Twenty-first Regiment Ind. Vol.; Lieut.-Col. E. W. Wheaton, Thirty-first Regiment Mass. Vol.; Maj. A. H. Cummins, Chief of Artillery, N. O.; Capt. H. L. Burgin, Captain of Fort, N. O.; Capt. E. Choate, Second Regiment Mass. Vol.; Lieut. E. Pickman, Assistant Surgeon Mass. Vol.; Lieut. J. Cushing, Thirty-first Regiment Mass. Vol.; Mrs. W. Harrall, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs. Gen. C. Stedman and child, Mrs. W. W. Harrall, W. H. Dall, Jones, W. W. Smith, Wm. Trowbridge, Gilman F. Jones, Quartermaster's Department; W. C. Miller, Edward E. Foster, Eben Kimball, C. F. Whitney, Commissary's Department; F. C. Taylor, James J. Monroe, H. A. Wisner, F. W. Flynn, Miles O'Reilly, C. C. Malchen, Peter Brubach, Emile H. Erle, H. H. Brainard.

By the *Spaulding* we learn that no general movement up the Mississippi above Baton Rouge had yet been attempted by our forces, nor was there any immediate prospect that one would be undertaken.

The transports attached to the expedition were straggling into port, one after another, but, for reasons which are well appreciated here, they had not all arrived.

The steamer *George Washington* also arrived last evening, with advices to the 25th, one day later.

On Monday, Dec. 22, as the steamer *Empire Parish*, Capt. BOUTELLE, from the Marengo Plantation, passing to Mr. E. TRUEMAN, four miles below Bayou Sara, right bank of the river, was taking in sugar at the Marengo plantation, a party of guerrillas appeared, about 120 strong, under command of Capt. TASSIN, and commanded the surrender of the boat, which was declined, when they commenced firing with the following result:

Christopher McGill, Assistant Engineer—killed.
W. J. Reid—badly wounded.
Charles Clark—slightly wounded.
John Steele—slightly wounded.
Irene Wilson (colored)—slightly wounded.

All hands went to the hold, with the exception of Mr. Kane, who is her agent.

The firing party came down to Mr. Lamont's plantation, and rolled overboard about 60 hogsheads of sugar, which were on the bank ready for shipment.

The rebels also captured three negroes, nine mules and three carts.

While the *Empire Parish* backed out from the Marengo plantation, it is supposed fifty more hogsheads of sugar were rolled into the river.

As the steamer backed out the guerrillas continued their fire on the ladies' cabin of the boat, but fortunately did no damage.

Mr. Kane is a New-York merchant. He was very seriously injured.

There was no time to judge of the effect that the address of Gen. BANKS would have; but it was thought the hope of gradual emancipation which it promised would be well received.

The Press, however, were silent on the address, although all of them printed it on the morning of the 24th.

Up to the time of the sailing of the *Spaulding*, not a word had transpired as to the intended movements of Gen. BANKS. It was known, however, that he had started out a campaign, and that he would make Baton Rouge his base of operations.

Nothing of moment had been heard from Vicksburgh or Port Hudson.

OUR NEW-ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

A Dull Christmas—The News of the Fredericksburgh Disaster—Gen. Butler's Farewell Address to the People of New-Orleans—Release of Prisoners by Gen. Banks—Reopening the Churches, &c.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Dec. 25, 1862.

This is a dull Christmas, truly. The sun shines beautifully overhead; the air is balmy as June; it is, moreover, a day that should ever be joyous. Yet the Union people of New-Orleans are dispirited and dull. The papers of the 14th have reached us and announce our gallant armies received a repulse on the way to Richmond. Comment is useless, complaint is of no avail, to despair would be criminal; we must therefore, wait—wait, while the heart bleeds, and the sentiments within us. Meanwhile we learn officially, through the published correspondence between Mr. SEWARD and Count MARSAN, what we have known practically all the while, that Gen. BUTLER was removed through foreign influence, backed up by weak sentimentalists of the REVERDY JOHNSON school. Alas for our country, when its services, however magnificent, can save our public servants from the assaults of natural enemies and treacherous friends. I have no disposition to comment. I can bear the well going up at the North over our losses and disgraces at Fredericksburgh, and I can feel how they will sit be all the more ready to rally to the support of Gen. BURNSIDE in the face of foreign and domestic foes. Time, however, will vindicate Gen. BURNSIDE, and more speedily, perhaps, he will vindicate himself. His address to the people is history written in letters of fire, and the facts contained therein will not only justify the course here, and for the present, but will do it for all time. It is the most brilliant record yet written of the war.

GEN. BUTLER'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

CITIZENS OF NEW-ORLEANS: It may not be inappropriate, as it is not inopportune to occasion, that there should be addressed to you a few words at parting, by one whose name is to be hereafter indissolubly connected with your city.

I shall speak in no bitterness, because I am not conscious of a single personal animosity. Commanding the Army of the Gulf, I found you captured, but not surrendered; conquered, but not orderly; relieved from the pressure of an army, but incapable of taking care of yourselves. So far from it, you had called upon a foreign legion to protect you from yourselves. Freedom of order, unmolested commerce, brought provisions to your starving people, returned your currency, and gave you quiet protection, such as you had not enjoyed for many years.

While doing this, my soldiers were subjected to obloquy, reproach and hatred.

And now, speaking to you, who know the truth, I here declare that whoever has quietly vituperated these his soldiers, affording neither aid nor comfort to the enemies of the United States, has never been interfered with by the soldiers of the United States.

The man who has threatened to poison you and to destroy your city in case having shot, some of your women fleered at the presence of those who came to protect them. By a simple order, (No. 28,) I called upon every soldier of this army to treat the women of New-Orleans as gentlemen should deal with the sex, with such effect that I now call upon the just minded ladies of New-Orleans, to say whether they have ever enjoyed so complete protection and calm quiet for themselves and their families, as since the advent of the United States troops.

The enemies of my country, unrepentant and implacable, I have treated with merited severity. I hold that rebellion is treason, and that treason persisted in to death, and any punishment short of that due a traitor gives so much clear gain to him from the clemency of the Government. Upon this thesis have I administered the authority of the United States because of which I am not conscious of compunction. I do not feel that I have erred in too much severity, for that harshness has ever been exhibited to disloyal enemies to my country, and not to loyal friends. Type, sure I might have regaled you with the examples of British civilization, and yet been within the supposed rules of civilized warfare. You might have been smoked to death in caverns, as were the Covenanters of Scotland by the command of a General of the royal House of England; or roasted like the inhabitants of Algiers during the French campaign; your wives and daughters might have been given over to the ravisher as were the unfortunate dames of Spain in the Peninsular war; or you might have been scalped and tomahawked as our mothers were at Wyoming by the savage allies of Great Britain in our own Revolution; your property could have been turned over to indiscriminate "loot" like the Palace of the Emperor of China; works of art which adorned your buildings might have been hurled away like the paintings of the Palace of Yuen Yuen; your sons might have been blown from the mouths of cannon like the Sepoys at Delhi; and yet all this would been within the rules of civilized warfare as practiced by the most polished and the most hypocritical nations of Europe. For such are the records of the deluge of scorn of the inhabitants of your city toward the friends of the Union, before my coming, were a sufficient provocative and justification.

But I have not so conducted. On the contrary, the worst punishment inflicted, except for criminal acts punishable by every law, has been banishment with labor to a barren island, where I exchanged my own soldiers before marching here.

It is true I have levied upon the wealthy rebel, and paid out nearly half a million of dollars to feed 40,000 of the starving poor of all nations assembled here, money by them earned.

I saw that this rebellion was war of the aristocrats against the industrious; of the rich against the poor; a war of the landowner against the laborer; that it was a struggle for the retention of power in the hands of the few against the many; and I found no conclusion to it save in the subjugation of the few, and the disenfranchisement of the many. I therefore felt no hesitation in taking the substance of the wealthy, who had caused the war, to feed the innocent poor, who had suffered by the war. And I shall now leave you with the proud consciousness that I carry with me the blessings of the humble and loyal, under the roof of the cottage, and in the cabin of the slave, and my name be remembered by them as the saviour of the nation, in spite of the rich.

I found you living in the terrors of servile insurrection. All of you knew that it have prevailed by an overwhelming force, it would have required to restore it.

I found the dungeon, the chain and the lash your only means of enforcing obedience in your servants. I leave them peaceful, laborious, controlled by the laws of kindness and justice.

I have demonstrated that the pestilence can be kept from your borders.

I have added a million of dollars to your wealth in the form of new land from the bottom of the Mississippi.

I have cleansed and improved your streets, canals and public squares, and opened new avenues to unoccupied lands.

I have given you freedom of elections greater than you have ever enjoyed before.

I have caused justice to be administered as impartially that your own advocates have unanimously complimented the Judges of my appointment.

You have seen, therefore, the benefit of the laws and justice of the Government against which you have rebelled.

Why, then, will you not all return to your allegiance to that Government—not with lip-service, but with the heart?

I conjure you, if you desire ever to see renewed prosperity giving buoyancy to your streets and wharves—if you hope to see your city become again the mart of the Western world, led by its rivers to be more than those whose name is legion, dwelling in the centre of a country greater than the mind of man hath ever conceived—return to your allegiance.

If you desire to leave to your children the inheritance not recovered of your fathers—a stable constitutional Government; if you desire that they should in the future be a portion of the greatest empire the sun ever shone upon—return to your allegiance.

There is but one thing that stands in the way.

There is but one thing that stands in the way. Hands between you and the Government—and that is slavery.

The institution, cursed of God, which has taken its last refuge here, in His providence will be rooted out as the tares from the wheat, although the wheat be torn up with it.

I have given much thought to this subject.

I come among you, by education, by habit of mind, by political position, by social affinity, inclined to sustain your domestic laws. If by possibility they might be with safety to the Union.

Months of experience, and of observation have forced the conviction that the existence of Slavery is incompatible with the safety either of yourselves or of the Union. As the system has gradually grown to its present large dimensions, it seemed, least of all could be gradually removed; but it is better, far better, that it should be taken out at once, than that it should longer vitiate the social, political and family relations of your country. I speak thus with no philanthropic views as regards the slaves, but simply of the effect of Slavery on the matter. See for yourselves.

Look around you and say whether the enervating, deadening influence has not all but destroyed the very framework of your society.

I am speaking the farewell words of one who has shown his devotion to his country, at the peril of his life and fortune, who in these words can have neither hope nor interest, save the good of those whom he entreats, and his name, nevertheless, which the necessity of an imperative duty has compelled me to use, that such are the views forced upon me by experience.

Come, then, to the unconstitutional support of the Government. Take into your own hands your own institutions; remodel them according to the laws of nations and of God, and thus vitally rise great prosperity restored to you by reciprocal protection, only a portion of which was heretofore yours.

(Signed) BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24, 1862.

I am satisfied that the expectations of the "secession" of having a slave rule under Gen. BANKS will be properly disappointed. The General is a gentleman, cautious and quick to advise, to counsel and to act, firm and unflinching. A few days' experience will teach the Commanding General that complaints, as a general thing, are not to be considered [illegible]

[illegible] administration which he hears are not sincere—in fact, that he is among a cities and cringing population that is vitiated and demoralized just such a Government as was administered by Gen. BUTLER; indeed, I should not be surprised to find that Gen. BANKS practically was more severe than even Gen. BUTLER. That he is desirous of being loved I have not a doubt. The publication of the release of the following political and criminal prisoners justifies this conclusion:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 22, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 116.—Upon consultation with Maj.-Gen. B. F. BUTLER, and with his concurrence and advice, the Commanding General directs as follows:

1. The following named persons will be released from arrest immediately upon the receipt of this order at the posts at which they are confined, and upon their giving parole not to commit any act of hostility to the United States, or render any aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States, during the existing war.

At Ship Island.—James C. Bermudez, William H. Shepard, Fred. Lessing, Amos H. Hale, Eugene Morlet, H. M. Wright, F. E. Wills, Jr., R. Y. Ferry, Jr., Dodge, Jesse Stinson.

Fort St. Philip.—Martin Fallon.

Fort Jackson.—Peter Kenny, W. L. Delano, G. H. Stewart, Michael Sorrer, J. Delpit, J. M. West, Charles Hardy, John Hickey.

Fort Pike.—Dr. Theodore Clapp.

First Prison.—3 Decatur St., N. Rosson, Du Bech, C. Kenn, D. C. Lawber, C. B. Metcalf, E. Creecy, A. N. Baker, J. Green, G. T. Grinnell, R. W. Porter, J. Corbitt, J. H. Hucking, C. Stone, W. Kelly, A. Gwynn, M. Sanner, W. Cass, E. A. Hamilton, J. Ba Kenney.

Second Prison.—New-Orleans—Hermogene Perry, Lucette Mentje, L. Collins, Girl of Mrs. Crossman, Louisville, N. Bumberts, G. Morgenstine, James Cunningham, Thomas Riley, Andrew, of Rock, John Short, R. S. Derrickson, J. J. Mitchell, M. Gordon, Dixon, c. m. c., George, of Williamson, Jim, Capt. Maurin, A. Catching, T. Harris, John Williams, William Miller, D. Scully, W. Hamilton, A. Bulger, James Garibaldy, Nelson, (slave,) S. Roberts, Alfar, of Cooty, Joseph Ruble, Levy Keyes, A. Lacoste, Robert Philips, W. Hunter, J. Donahue, C. Horton, R. Adams, Sam. Peters, J. Fromaux, J. Fouin, W. E. Niles, John Neville, Peter Finn, John Beverly, James Doherty, J. Chartier, J. A. Peter, J. Cassville, D. Gratz, S. Bendet, William Buckley, John Denis, A. Reider, John G. King, W. Pulsen, M. Eagan, William Jones, P. Swett, Thos. Haley, John Mooney, Felix Boyle, C. Wilcox, N. Doyle, J. Hervd, Ed. Green, Joseph Levy, Tim. Knight.

3. The following named persons will be released from arrest upon taking the oath of allegiance to the Union States:

At Ship Island.—James Boggs, Michael Murphy, Frederick Taylor, E. Wilck.

At Fort Pickens.—J. T. Monroe.

By Command of Maj.-Gen. BANKS.

RICHARD B. IRWIN, Lieut.-Col., A. A. G.

We are to have our churches opened, but will we have loyal preachers and Christian prayers? My impression is, that the abuses that originally caused these places of worship to be closed will bring about again the same result:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 116.—Applications for the suspension of the order closing certain churches in the City of New-Orleans have been presented to the Military Governor of the State, and by him referred to the Major-General commanding.

That an order, in the church service, assumed to have been made by direction of the Church government, is understood to have been the basis of this order. Where the head of the State is also head of the Church an omission like that referred to would be in contravention of political authority; but the Government does not here assume that power, and the case presented does not seem to require a continued intervention of military authority. The order is therefore, provisionally rescinded, and the churches will be opened as heretofore on and after Christmas Day. This decision is based upon the negative character of the offence charged.

The Commanding General desires it to be understood, however, that clergymen are subject to the restrictions imposed upon all other men. They well know the extent of their privileges. No appeal to the passions or prejudices of the people, or to excite hostility to the Government, whether in the form of prayer, exhortation, counsel or sermon, nor any offensive demonstration, whether open or covert, can be allowed. As public teachers, ministers should give some guaranty of their purpose to obey the rules.

The Commanding General is indeed not to interfere with the rights of others, or submit to the interference of others with the rights of the Government, which relies upon its justice and power, and not upon the consent of its opponents, for the success of its measures. By command of Maj.-Gen. BANKS.

RICHARD B. IRWIN, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General.

THE BANKS EXPEDITION.

Affairs at New-Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Billy Wilson's Zouaves—Approaching First of January—Negro Demonstrations—Gen. Butler's Farewell—Gala Night at the Varieties—Gen. Banks's Administration—Sugar plantations of Louisiana—Splendid chances for Investment—Rebel Deceptions—Attack on the Empire Parish Steamer.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1862.

Nothing of any especial consequence has occurred at Baton Rouge since I dispatched my last letter by the *Colombia*. The troops have all been busy during the time, organizing themselves into brigades and divisions, throwing up intrenchments, and making every preparation against attack, until they are sufficiently reinforced to undertake the great work before them, which cannot now—judging from what is daily passing before one, be far off. Foremost among these zealous workers are the Forty-First Massachusetts, in whom I cannot help feeling a sort of vested interest, as they were our fellow-voyagers from New-York to Baton Rouge on the *North Star*, and a finer, more orderly and intelligent set of men are not to be found in the army. Their gallant leader, Col. CAMERAMES (of piano-forte celebrity,) was a very great favorite on board among all classes, military or civilian. He was much admired, during the voyage, not only for his gentlemanly bearing, but for his unremitting and self-denying watchfulness over those committed to his care. It went beyond the mere routine of a commanding officer's duty, and assumed more the character of a brother's tenderness.

Brig.-Gen. GROVER, who, I am pleased to say, seems to have the entire love and confidence of his troops, has located his headquarters in the Louisiana State Bank; and the soldiers are already in comfortable quarters, the locality being elevated ground and consequently dry and healthy. Our picketed already extend from three to five miles from camp, and very little more will bring us close up with the enemy's. Scouting parties are of almost daily occurrence, and generally manage to come back with several prisoners. Among the captures already made, is one Lieutenant of the Eleventh Louisiana, whose name I forget. He is a very gentlemanly young man, but a rebel dyed in the wool. When politely questioned as to movements of the enemy, he proudly and scornfully replied: "I am a prisoner, sir, not a spy."

The contrabands, however, who keep flocking into our lines—to the tune of sometimes 200 a day—are far more communicative. They tell us that the rebels have determined to make a desperate stand at Port Hudson, all the farm houses and roads for a great distance round being fortified, while the heights of the place there will present much difficulty to the operations of our gunboats. This arm of our service has nevertheless done such marvelous things before, that

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THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Gen. McClellan's Provisions for the Defence of Washington Prior to the Peninsular Campaign.

Instructions Left with Gen. Wadsworth

GEN. SIGEL'S TESTIMONY.

Special Report for the New-York Times.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1862.

The cross-examination of Gen. SIGEL was resumed:

Question—(By Gen. McDowell.)—You speak of Gen. McDowell's troops not having joined you by the right road, on the 26th of August; that is, the Haymarket road. Do you know that Gen. McDowell's troops did not come in by the Haymarket road on that occasion?

Answer—I do not know.

Q.—You have stated that you are of the opinion that if the command of Gen. King had been united with that of Gen. Reynolds—that is, if 10,000 men had been put forward against the right wing of the enemy, the latter would have been routed. Do you know that Gen. McDowell was not maneuvering for such a movement on the afternoon of the 29th?

A.—I do not know. It each was the case it was too late in the afternoon. The first knowledge I had of the presence of Gen. King's Division in my neighborhood, was when they came up the railroad, on the afternoon of the 29th. The only knowledge I had of the movements of Gen. McDowell's troops was from a paper I received from the headquarters of Gen. Pope, at Centreville, on the morning of the 29th, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF VIRGINIA, Aug. 29, 1862.

To Gens. Heintzelman, Reno and Sigel:

"If you find yourselves heavily pressed by superior numbers of the enemy, you will not push matters further. Fitz-John Porter, and King's Division of McDowell's Corps, are moving on Gainesville from Manassas Junction, and will come in on your left. They have about 20,000 men. The command must return to this place tonight, or by morning, on account of subsistence and forage.

(Signed,) JOHN POPE,

Major-General Commanding.

I received the above order about nine or ten o'clock in the morning, I think, but am not sure of this.

Q.—Did you not send to Gen. Reynolds before you commenced the action on the 29th, and request his co-operation.

A.—I think I did not; because I wrote a note to Gen. Pope that morning, asking who was on my left—whether it was Reno. I remember, now, that two officers were in my quarters, speaking with me very hastily, and thought they were officers belonging to Gen. McDowell's Corps; but whether there was any agreement between us about cooperation, I cannot say. I did never suppose by the conversation that I had to give them any directions, or had any command over them. I think they spoke about their troops, but I do not remember the circumstances. It may have been about Reynolds' Division. I had no knowledge about the orders given Gen. McDowell on the night of the 26th or on the evening of the 28th, after I received his orders to march to Manassas. Neither did I receive any knowledge of any orders given to Gen. McDowell during the day of the 28th. Neither do I know what orders Gen. McDowell had given to his corps. I remember having sent an officer, immediately after the engagement of the 28th, to the place where Gen. King's Division had been in position, to inquire about it, but could not find him where it had gone. The officer I sent to see Gen. McDowell on the 28th, who reported to me that Gen. McDowell was at a house in Centreville, was, I believe, Capt. Cadwallader. The evening I was to look after Gen. King's Division was Capt. Dahlgren. He did not report having seen Gen. McDowell on that occasion. He could not find him or King. I did not report to Gen. McDowell any information on the evening of the battle of Bull Run. I only saw him at a distance, as I was riding to my left, where my presence was very much needed. I thought that Gen. McDowell must get his necessary information from Gen. Pope, to whom headquarters he seemed to be going at the time. I regarded myself bound to obey all orders that were sent to me by Gen. McDowell, up to the time I was separated from his corps at Fairfax Court-house, on the 31st of August or the 1st of September, and reported to Gen. Franklin. I do not know of having received orders personally, or through an officer, from Gen. McDowell, for orders on the night of the 30th or on the 31st. I was under the impression that Gen. Pope's and Gen. McDowell's Headquarters were near together at Centreville, and that any information sent to Gen. Pope would reach Gen. McDowell. I suppose that if Gen. McDowell had any orders for me he would send them to me. I did not know all of Gen. McDowell's Staff, nor of Gen. Pope's. I think I was under the impression that the dispatches spoken of by me as having been sent to me in Gen. Pope's handwriting, by one of Gen. McDowell's Staff, was brought by one of his staff, as near as I can remember. It was on the day before the 9th of August (when the battle took place) that I reported to Gen. Pope that the enemy was marching, under Jackson, upon Culpeper. I reported the force of Jackson as supposed to be 25,000 or 30,000. I was in the neighborhood of Madison Court-House on one or two occasions, the exact period which I do not remember, but at the time Col. Clingerman's camp, I think, was between Madison Court-House and Robertson River, nearest to the Court-House. It may be that I reported to Gen. Pope, on the 8th of August, that heavy forces of the enemy were marching through Madison Court-House. I know that the brigade of Gen. Buford was stationed at our time beyond Madison Court-House, and that this brigade had to be supported, if necessary, by Col. Clingerman. Whether this was the position of affairs on or after of August, I do not know. I supposed that Gen. Buford did not intend to fall back to Pope, about the 8th of August. I do not know certainly. I do not remember that heavy forces of the enemy moved through Madison Court-House about the 8th of August in the direction of Sperryville.

The cross-examination of the witness was here closed by Gen. McDowell, and the Court stated that they had no further questions to ask.

On deliberation, however, they propounded the following:

Whether he had any knowledge of information possessed by other parties, in regard to any misconduct on the part of Gen. McDowell, which he had not stated in his evidence, and whether he would give the names of the proper witnesses to impart such information to the Court?

Witness pointed out that this was a grave question which he would like time to consider.

This was granted, with instructions to report in writing on the subject to the Recorder of the Court.

The privilege was then given to the witness, at his request, to review the record of his cross-examination, and make any corrections or explanations that might then occur to him, which he stated he would report to the Recorder of the Court to-morrow.

Capt. Dahlgren was then called, and sworn: Was a staff officer on the staff of Gen. Sigel, on August last; I was Chief of Staff of Gen. Sigel; on August last I received orders from Gen. Sigel to Gen. McDowell on the 26th of August for more definite instructions, in regard to orders Gen. Sigel had received for halting and resting his right on the railroad, &c.; I found Gen. McDowell about a mile or a mile and a half to the rear of where we were then, sitting under a tree, with a large map before him, where I delivered Gen. Sigel's message. Gen. McDowell replied that he had not sent any order to Gen. Sigel to halt, and no other alternative than acquiring heavy reinforcements at Manassas. Gen. McDowell at that time, very near where the road we were on intersects the road through Sudworth. This was in the afternoon, about two or three o'clock. We learned that the enemy were in force near Groveton, and supposed that this was the force that had left Manassas. I do not know whether this information was reported to Gen. McDowell. I think it was reported to Gen. Pope.

Q.—By Gen. McDowell.—I do not know whether Gen. Sigel formed his line of battle according to orders received from Gen. McDowell or not.

The examination of this witness was here closed, and the Court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Gen. Mitchy has been telegraphed for, and is expected to testify in the case at an early day.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1862.

The Recorder read a note from Gen. Sigel, asking an extension of time until Friday morning to report any corrections or explanations he might have to make in the testimony given on his cross-examination; at which time, also, he stated he would report in the matter of any further information that he might be cognizant of, in the possession of other parties who would be proper witnesses.

This request was granted by the Court.

The Recorder then laid before the Court the following papers, sent by Gen. McClellan, at the request of the Court—the Court being cleared while the papers were read, thereof:

GEN. MCCLELLAN'S ORDERS TO GEN. WADSWORTH.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, March 18, 1862.

Major-Gen. J. P. Banks, Commanding:

Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac:

SIR: You will post your command in the vicinity of Manassas, intrench yourself strongly and throw cavalry pickets well out to the front. Your first care will be the rebuilding of the railway from Washington to Manassas and to Strasburgh, in order to open your communications with the Valley of the Shenandoah. As soon as the Manassas Gap Railway is in running order, intrench a brigade of infantry, say four regiments, with two batteries, at or near the points where that railway crosses the Shenandoah. Something like two regiments of cavalry should be left in that vicinity, to occupy Winchester and thoroughly scour the country south of the railway and up the Shenandoah Valley, as well as through Chester Gap, which might, perhaps, be advantageously occupied by a detachment of infantry, well intrenched.

Block-houses should be built at all the railway bridges.

Occupy by guard guards Warrenton Junction, or Warrenton itself, and also some still more advanced point on the Orange and Alexandria Railway, as soon as the railway bridges are repaired.

Great activity should be observed by the cavalry. Besides the two regiments at Manassas, another regiment of cavalry will be at your disposal to scout towards the Occoquan, and probably a fourth towards Leesburgh.

To recapitulate. The most important points which should engage your attention are as follows:

First—A strong force, well intrenched in the vicinity of Manassas—perhaps even Centreville—and another force, (a brigade,) also well intrenched, near Strasburgh.

Second—Block-houses at the railway bridges.

Third—Constant employment of cavalry well to the front.

Fourth—Grand Guards at Warrenton, and in advance, as far as the Rappahannock, if possible.

Fifth—Great care to be exercised to obtain full and early information as to the enemy.

Sixth—The general object is to cover the line of the Potomac and Washington.

The foregoing is communicated by command of Maj.-Gen. McCLELLAN.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

(Official Copy.) ——— ———,

Assistant Adjut.-Gen.

GEN. M'CLELLAN'S ORDERS TO GEN. WADSWORTH.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, March 18, 1862.

Brig.-Gen. James S. Wadsworth, Military Governor of the District of Columbia:

SIR: The command to which you have been assigned by instructions of the President, as Military Governor of the District of Columbia, embraces the geographical limits of the District, and will also include the City of Alexandria, the defensive works south of the Potomac, from the Occoquan to Difficult Creek, and the Fort of Fort Washington. I inclose a list of the troops and the defences embraced in these limits.

Gen. BURNS will command at Manassas Junction, with the divisions of WILLIAMS and SAXTON, composing the Fifth Army Corps; but you should, nevertheless, exercise vigilance in your front, carefully guard the approaches in that quarter, and maintain the duties of advanced guards. You will use the same precautions on either bank.

All troops not actually needed for the police of Washington and Georgetown, for the garrisons north of the Potomac, and for other indicated special duties, should be moved to the south side of the river.

In the centre of your front you should post the main body of your troops, and proper proportions at suitable distances toward your right and left flanks.

Careful patrols will be made in order to thoroughly scour the country in front from right to left.

It is specially enjoined upon you to maintain the forts and their armaments in the best possible order, to look carefully after the instruction and discipline of their garrisons, as well as all other troops under your command, and, by frequent and rigid inspection, to insure the attainment of these ends.

The care of the railways, canals, depôts, bridges and ferries within the above-named limits, will devolve upon you, and you are to insure their security, and provide for their protection, by every means in your power.

You will also thoroughly protect the depôts of the public stores, and the transit of stores to the troops in active service.

By means of patrols you will thoroughly scour the neighboring country south of the Eastern Branch, and also on your right, and you will use every possible precaution to intercept mails, goods, and persons passing unauthorized to the enemy's lines.

The necessity of maintaining good order within your limits, and especially in the Capital of the Nation cannot be too strongly enforced,—you will forward and facilitate the movement of all troops destined for the active part of the Army of the Potomac, and especially the transit of detachments to their proper regiments and corps.

The charge of all new troops arriving in Washington, and of all troops temporarily there, will devolve upon you. You will form them into provisional brigades, promote their instruction and discipline, and facilitate their equipment, report all arrivals of troops, their strength, composition and equipment, by every opportunity.

Besides the regular reports and returns which you will be required to render to the Adjutant-General of the army, you will make to these headquarters a consolidated morning report of your command every Sunday morning, and a monthly return on the first day of each month.

The foregoing instructions are communicated by command of Maj.-Gen. McCLELLAN.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

——— ———, Asst. Adjutant-General.

Official copy—WM. P. MASON, Jr., Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

NUMBER OF TROOPS COVERING WASHINGTON.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, SEMMES COMMODORE, April 1, 1862.

Brig.-Gen. L. Thomas, Adjutant-General U. S. Army:

GENERAL: I have to request that you will lay the following communication before the Honorable Secretary of War:

The approximate numbers and positions of the troops left near and in rear of the Potomac, are about as follows:

Gen. Dix has, after guarding the railroads under his charge, sufficient troops to give him five thousand for the defence of Baltimore, and 1,000 available for the Eastern Shore, Annapolis, &c. Fort Delaware is very well garrisoned by about 400 men.

The garrisons of the forts around Washington amount to 10,000 men—other disposable troops now with Gen. WADSWORTH being about 11,400 men. The troops employed in guarding the various railways in Maryland amount to some 2,500 men. These it is designed to relieve, being old regiments, by dismounted cavalry, and to send forward to Manassas.

Gen. ABERCROMBIE occupies Warrenton with a force, which, including Col. GREER, at White Plains, and the cavalry to be at his disposal, will amount to some 7,700 men, with twelve pieces of artillery. I have the honor to request that all the troops organized for service in Pennsylvania and New-York, and in any of the Eastern States, may be ordered to Washington. I learn from Gov. CURTIN that there are some 3,000 men now ready in Pennsylvania. This force I should be glad to have sent at once to Manassas. Four thousand men from Gen. WADSWORTH I desire to be ordered to Manassas. These troops, with the railroad guards above alluded to, will make up a force, under the command of Gen. ABERCROMBIE, to something like 16,000 men. It is my design to push Gen. BANKS's Division from Warrenton upon Strasburgh. He should remain at Strasburgh long enough to allow matters to assume a definite form in that region before proceeding to his ultimate destination.

The troops in the Valley of the Shenandoah will be then, including BANKS's Division, 16,000 strong, with 48 pieces of artillery. BANKS' Fifth Corps, which embraces the command of Gen. SCHENCK, 19,000 strong, with 44 guns. Some 3,000 disposable cavalry, and the railroad guards, about 2,000 men, amount to about 39,000 men.

It is designed to quiten Gen. HOOKER by one reinforcement, say 20,000 men, which, with some 30,000 men, I can put on the Lower Potomac.

To reconstitute the Army of Washington, in the vicinity of Manassas, say	1,700
At Manassas, say	15,000
In the Valley of the Shenandoah, say	19,497
On the Lower Potomac	1,300
In all	39,466

There would then be left for the garrisons, and the front of Washington, under Gen. WADSWORTH, some 10,000 men, exclusive of the batteries under instructions.

The troops organizing or ready for service in New-York, I learn, will probably number more than four thousand. These should be assembled at Washington subjected to discipline where their services may be most needed. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) GEO. B. McCLELLAN,

Major-General Commanding.

Official copy, WM. P. MASON, Jr., Capt. and A. D. C.

Major Willard (of Willard's Hotel) called by Gen. McDowell:

Questions by Gen. McDowell.—I was with Major Gen. McDowell on the 27th of August last, at Buckland Mills, on the occasion of his going to see Gen. Sigel; I was Aid-de-Camp to Gen. McDowell at that time, with the rank of Major; I went with Gen. McDowell to the headquarters of Gen. Sigel, and heard Gen. McDowell request Gen. Sigel to go to a certain point with his troops, and he (McD.) would give him (Sigel) one of his (McD's.) divisions; I think, as near as I can remember, that Gen. McDowell requested Gen. Sigel to go with his corps to Thoroughfare Gap; I think that Gen. McDowell offered to give Gen. Sigel a Division of his Corps, as above stated; I prepared Order No. 10 for Gen. McDowell, a full copy of which was sent to Gen. SIGEL.

Questions by the Court—

Gen. McDowell considered it expedient I think to send Sigel's force with a Division of his own Corps to Thoroughfare Gap, he thinking that the enemy were coming through that way; I do not know why he did not send the force that he considered it expedient to send, to Thoroughfare Gap; I do not remember what Gen. Sigel said in reply to the proposal of Gen. McDowell.

At the conclusion of this examination, the Court adjourned until Monday next, at the usual hour, to enable the Recorder to bring up his record, which had fallen behind on account of his not having sufficient clerical force to copy the voluminous correspondence that had been introduced during the inquiry so far.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Extensive Conflagration in Fulton and Gold streets.

The Hope Mills and Wilson's Bakery Destroyed.

Ten Buildings Burned Down—More than 300 Persons Thrown out of Employment—Loss Over $250,000.

Scenes and Incidents—A List of the Losses and Insurances, &c.

About 6½ o'clock on Thursday evening, a fire was discovered in the extensive cracker bakery establishment of Mr. JOHN T. WILSON, situated at No. 73 Fulton-street, and owing to the combustible nature of the material of which the stock in the building was composed, the flames spread with alarming rapidity, and very soon, not only Mr. Wilson's building, but others in the immediate vicinity, were found to be on fire.

The firemen and Police were promptly on hand, but all efforts to save the bakery or its contents, (except to a small amount,) were unavailing.

The bakery of Mr. WILSON was one of the largest and most extensive in this country. It has been established at that place for upward of twenty-five years, and has, in a measure, grown up with the City, until finally it became to be almost one of the institutions of the town. More than three hundred persons—men and boys—were regularly employed by Mr. WILSON, all of whom, by the total destruction of this establishment, are suddenly thrown out of employ, and this, too, at a season of the year when it will be found very difficult for them to obtain situations or to subsist themselves and families without the avails of their daily labor. Mr. WILSON, in addition to his regular business, had a large contract with the National Government for the supply to the army and navy, of hard bread and crackers, and, in order to fulfill the terms of his agreement, between one thousand and fifteen hundred barrels of flour were weekly manufactured into bread and crackers at this bakery. To carry out this agreement, and at the same time to supply his regular customers, WILSON kept in constant use twenty-six ovens, and when we take into consideration the fact that the bakery was six stories in height, that it was 120 feet front on Fulton-street, and extended toward Beekman-street the same distance, with another front, having the number 56 Gold-street, and that more than 300 persons were employed therein, we can form some estimate of the extent of the loss incurred. The building was owned by WILSON, and valued at $10,000.

About the time that the roof and walls of Wilson's bakery fell in, the flames communicated to several of the adjoining buildings, and it was at this time that serious apprehensions were entertained for the safety of the entire block. The earnest firemen, and several steam fire engines, had worked for about this period of the fire, and had it not been for the assistance which was promptly rendered by the latter, the whole block would doubtless have been consumed.

The following is a list of the buildings wholly or in part destroyed, together with the estimated losses, and the amount of insurance thereon, so far as the same could be ascertained.

ON FULTON-STREET.

No. 73, extending through and including No. 56 Gold-street, occupied by JOHN T. WILSON, as a Government cracker bakery—totally destroyed. The loss on stock is about $40,000; it is insured for $30,500. The loss on machinery and fixtures is about $18,000; upon the latter there is an insurance for $16,000. The loss on building—totally destroyed—is estimated at $5,000, and was fully insured.

No. 71 Fulton was also totally destroyed. These premises were formerly the "Hope Mills," but recently they have been principally occupied by Mr. WILSON, as a store-house. The loss on goods stored here will amount to between $2,000 and $3,000. They were insured for $2,000 in the Kings County Insurance Company.

The building was owned by Mr. H. R. WARDINGTON. It was insured for $1,000 in the Brooklyn, $2,000 in the Kings County, and $3,000 in the Hamilton Insurance Company. It was valued at about $10,000, and is to total loss.

No. 69 Fulton, occupied on the first floor by G. H. HOOS as a clothing store, was also destroyed. HOOS's loss by fire and water will be about $1,000. He is insured in the Beekman and other Insurance Companies for $4,500.

Mr. J. ABRAHAMS occupied the upper part of the latter building. He is a thermometer-maker by occupation, and had a large amount of stock and ready-made articles on hand at the time. He estimates his loss at $3,000, and is insured for $1,500 in the Harmony Insurance Company.

Messrs. FARRIS & ABRAHAMS, chronometer-makers, also occupied a portion of this building. Their loss is about $1,000; insured to about that amount in the Hamilton Insurance Company.

No. 67 Fulton-street was occupied by Messrs. BRUNER & BOYLE as a coffee and spice mill. Their loss is about $1,500. They are insured for $27,000 in eight or ten City Companies. The building is owned by C. GUIMAN, and was damaged to the amount of $500. It is insured for $5,000 in the St. Mark's Insurance Company.

No. 75 Fulton-street, was occupied by Messrs. DOUSMAN & MANASE, importers and dealers in foreign and domestic fruits. Their loss will amount to about $20,000. They are insured on their stock for $18,000, in various City companies, as follows: Brooklyn Insurance Company, $2,000; Union, $4,000; Metropolitan, $4,500; Park, $2,000; Merchants' and Traders', $2,500, &c.

No. 77—J. H. WHITMER, plumber. Loss $1,000; insured also. HARVEY & MOLTON, dealers in corks. Loss $6,500; insured, $4,000. Building, loss about $5,000; insured.

No. 79—Basement, SAMM ELY, cage and rattan dealer. Loss $10,000; insured for $15,000. First floor, JOHN C. ELY, paper dealer. Loss $10,000; insured for $7,000. Second and third floors, LEONARD SCOTT & Co., publishers. Loss $7,000; insured for $7,000; New-York Equitable, $3,000; Kings County, $1,000; in Northwestern and Central Park, $1,000.

GOLD-STREET.

No. 56 Gold-street was a part of the Wilson bakery, and is a total loss. It is insured for $4,500 in the East River Insurance Company.

Nos. 58 and 60 were occupied by Messrs. KING & MCMANN, as a steam pipe fitting establishment. The damage by fire and water is large, but the amount could not be ascertained. These buildings are insured in the National Insurance Company for $2,000 each.

BEEKMAN-STREET.

No. 69—DUNLAP & SEAMONS, druggists; damage, $600. Insured for $20,000. No. 71 is only slightly damaged.

No. 73—First floor, WM. B. RANKINE, glass dealer; loss, $600. Insured in Niagara Insurance Company. Upper part of dwelling M. C. FREEMAN, damage slight. Insured for $400 in the Knickerbocker Insurance Company. Building owned by A. DAVISSON; loss, $1,000; insured for $2,000 in Eagle Insurance Company.

No. 77—G. W. CLARKSON, steam pump makings, &c. Loss, $35,000; insured for $20,000. Building, owned by E. DUNN, totally destroyed. Loss, $5,000; insured.

Six buildings on Fulton-street, two on Gold and one on Beekman-street were totally destroyed. The aggregate loss cannot fall short of $250,000.

Mr. EARNESS, the owner of the buildings Nos. 75, 77 and 79 Fulton-street, estimates his damage on the buildings alone at near $75,000.

No. 75 Beekman-street, which was a private boarding-house, was damaged to the extent of about $2,000.

The Fire-Marshal is engaged in making an investigation as to the origin of the fire, but at the present time it is believed to have been purely accidental.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

Its Observance in the City and Vicinity.

The prophecies of thousands were proved false when, on the morning of the New Year, the sun peeped above the horizon of the East, bright and clear. The atmosphere, the cloudless sky, the well-cleaned pavements, proved together a strong temptation to many who had predetermined that calling was a bore, and that home was the best place, after all.

There were but few public demonstrations of joy. The colored people looked and felt happy; the Abolitionists looked glum, and grumbled with dissatisfaction because the expected Proclamation was only given on account of "military necessity;" but so far as we observed, the great public moved on with equanimity, undisturbed, and with countenances generally fresh and hopeful.

The City officers entertained their friends; the Public Institutions showed their inmates with good dinners and good advice; and quiet pervaded all parts of this and the adjacent cities.

No accidents of any kind, save the great fire in Fulton-street, occurred, and if the remaining days of the year are as replete with good feelings, social greetings, and general satisfaction as was the first, it will prove, indeed, a Happy New Year.

New-Year's at the City Hall.

New-Year's day at the City Hall passed off pleasantly, and with more than usual quiet. Mayor OPDYKE held the customary *levée* at his office, being in attendance there from 10½ till 12 o'clock in the morning, and was honored to a considerable extent with the calls and congratulations of his fellow-citizens of all parties. Through an inadvertent omission, no notice was given beforehand that the Mayor would receive visitors at his office, and hence he was saved the tiresome task of shaking hands with the great throng of people that otherwise would have been added to the number of visitors. At 12 o'clock the Mayor left his office, and called on the Keeper of the City Hall, Mr. GEORGE W. ROSEE. Immediately afterward the Mayor entered his private carriage, which was waiting for him in front of the building, and was driven to his house, where he received calls and congratulations from numberless visitors.

Mr. ROSEE's calls were very numerous, the callers comprising nearly all the officials connected with the City and County Government, besides a host of other friends, for "GEORGE" is a popular man in his way.

The German New-Year's.

New-Year's Eve is a great time among the Germans, who assemble around the domestic dresde, in their public halls, their club houses, their theatres, their concert houses and their *bier-houses*, or minor beer cellars, to pass the waning hours of the old year, with music, song, the drama and the farce, good cheer and merriment. On that night, too, all their shops of every description, are decked out in the most tempting manner with all the oddest and showiest wares, tricked off with flowers, real or artificial, and limitless wealth of evergreen. The *Christ-bauman*, or Christmas trees, are readorned with all their tapers, bells, glass balls and gilt devices, and dazzlingly illuminated; and there is no passage of life so humble, no branch of commerce so peculiar, that it does not find some method of outwardly expressing the internal influence of the festival. The finest melodies are sung, the best theatricals presented, the choicest wiands brought, the handsomest adornments exhibited, and the rarest wines and hottest punches quaffed. Beauty puts on her most charming graces, manhood revels in its strength, old age smiles upon youth and chuckles over the joys of former days. All is happiness on the surface at least, and where there is sorrow it too takes counsel of hope for the coming year. Such is the German idea of the celebration of *Sylvester Abend*, or New Year's Eve and the day that follows. New friendships are formed and cemented, old feuds are reconciled, fresh projects and matrimonial alliances started, and altogether, the back is turned upon the unpleasant things of the past, and a beaming countenance hails the new-born January. As the clocks ring out the hour of midnight, all this festivity pauses for a moment, to listen, and as the last stroke dies into silence, all big and little, old and young, male and female, rush into each other's arms, and hearty kisses go round like rolls of labial musketry, with the exclamation "Prost'n Neujahr!" (Hail the New-Year!) Gentlemen and ladies in the bloom of youth heartily approve this custom, and their venerable predecessors likewise seem to relish it, if were only for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne!" Such is the picture in New-York on Wednesday night and Thursday. All the places of amusement were crowded, and in hundreds of private dwellings the mirthful usages of Fatherland were duly celebrated. The custom of shooting the old year out and the new one in, which is so popular in the German rural districts, was not so fully observed as heretofore, in this City, and the discharge of guns, cannon and squibs was not sufficiently loud to attract very great attention. Usually, at Leipsic or Waterloo, first day of each scarcely surpass it. Innumerable balls given by societies and private parties saw the night out, and invaded the morning. On New-Year's Day, LUBRANO'S TRIPLER'S Odeon was a remarkable and characteristic German scene. The immense space was decorated with every fantastic device in gilt-work, flower-garlands, evergreens, and colored lanterns. Bird cages filled with little warblers hung here and there amid the festoons of drapery, American and German Republican flags; curious creations of pine and moss, represented Alpine scenes, with grotesque cottages, mills and whirling wheels driven by real water from artificial falls; suspendous Christmas trees dangled gifts of all descriptions, and the strangest shapes of tinsel work, from floor to roof, on far-extending branches. Long tables, covered with every species of toys, confectionery and fancy articles, tempted the gaze and purse at every turn, and embowered walks and alleys conducted the visitor through a labyrinth of pleasures. Of course the throng, largely composed of buxom women and babies, was immense, and, apart from beer, hot wine and arrack punches flowed in torrents, their mingled aroma filling the interstices of a tobacco-laden atmosphere. Lunch came off at 10 o'clock; then a grand concert, vocal and instrumental, from 3 until 6; another concert from 7 until 10, and a stupendous ball from 10 until 4 in the morning, followed and closed the fête. The giant punch-bowl, several feet in circumference, was emptied more than once, amid thousand voices and pairs of tripping feet made to wild accompaniments. Taking the above as a model, the Atlantic Garden, the Colosseum, Bassin's Fortuna Halle, the Constanz Brewery, the Deutsche Gesellschaftsgarten, Shakespeare Hotel, and innumerable other places of less note, gave similar entertainments on a smaller scale. Among these the Volk's Theatre, on the Bowery, was resplendent with an illuminated cupola, a fancy ball, a midnight supper, patriotic transparencies, cannon-salutes and fireworks. The leading places of theatrical entertainment were also in gala, and thronged in consequence.

At the Opera House on Broadway, WEBER's grand opera, "Der Freischütz," was performed finely to a brilliant and delighted audience. At the New-Yorker Stadt Theatre there were two entire performances, "Das Volk wie es weint und lacht" ("The People—how it weeps and laughs") in the afternoon, and "Gute Nacht, Hausarzt," a five-act comedy, in the evening. At the Metropolitan Rooms, Turners' Hall, Millman's Hall, Nehring's and the National Hall were midnight balls. The leading German restaurants gave their customers and all the world who chose to come free entertainment throughout the day, according to an abundant bill of fare, which embraced some of the quaintest and most substantial dishes of Fatherland from "gansse-brust" to "Schweine knochel und sauerkraut." Only the wine and beer were paid for, and, of course, the point of honor pierced many a cask and bottle.

Take all-in-all, the Germans had the best of the New-Year's Festival. This one particularly suited them, for it came marching on to the quickstep of "Freiheit und Recht"—of Freedom and of Right.

Five Points Ladies' Mission.

In consideration of the grand Thanksgiving festival, and the Christmas gifts to the children, the day was allowed to pass without any public observance. The teachers improved the time as a holiday, and to them it was a much needed recreation.

The week's vacation has afforded an opportunity to put the pleasant rooms of the institution in something more like their accustomed order, and we were quite charmed with the cheerfulness pervading all the apartments. The superintendent seems to be fitting up the institution, and, under his auspices, it bids fair to become an important nursery of moral and intellectual improvement.

Soldiers' Relief Association.

A few sick and wounded veterans arrived in ambulances, and were made comfortable by the ever faithful and attentive Col. HOWE, who has a smile and a kind word for every comer. A large number of the defenders of the "old flag" were present in the spacious apartments, enjoying, in a quiet way, the hospitalities which are daily offered to those who have served in our armies, and who may be in a situation to demand the sympathy and aid of the benevolent and patriotic.

The Superintendent informs us that he is now, for the first time, unable to respond to all the calls made upon the Association. Many articles necessary for the comfort of sick and wounded soldiers, while in hospital and during their homeward journeys, have become exhausted by the constantly increasing demands. New sources of supply must be opened, or our brave boys must suffer privations which ought not to be permitted after the hardships they have already endured. Shirts, drawers, socks, and wrappers are much needed, and donations of second-hand clothing would be particularly acceptable.

Old Ladies' Home.

This institution, situated in Forty-second-street, near Eighth-avenue, is sustained by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City. It was organized in 1850, and consequently numbers thirteen years of usefulness. The present building, which has been in use six years, is commodious and comfortable. The plan inside is very simple, the dormitories being easy of access; externally, we could wish the architect had kept the object of the structure more in view when he planned the steep, which must be inconveniently high for the inmates, as it necessitates some very tall climbing. There are now living there fifty four old ladies, all of whom seem contented and happy; some of them are very aged. The Committee have just concluded their annual Fair for the benefit of the Institution, which is still somewhat in debt. Yesterday the sisters, as they are called, dined at the usual hour, and in the usual manner, having a good old-fashioned time all to themselves.

The Ladies' Home.

The building corner of Lexington-avenue and Fifty-first-street, formerly for foundlings, is occupied as a Military Hospital, under the above name. There are nearly 300 patients, convalescent and otherwise. It is supported by the United States Government, and is in charge of six physicians, each one having an assistant—Dr. ALEX. B. MOTT being their chief. Opposite are three wooden structures, built expressly for the reception of sick and wounded soldiers. These were erected under Dr. MOTT's supervision, and are excellently well designed, so as to admit light and air. There are altogether nine wards—one devoted to fevers, one to diseases of the eye and ear, the others to wounded patients generally. Yesterday, with the usual religious exercises, conducted by Rev. Dr. SPRING, Dr. MOTT gave a dinner to those under his care, which might have satisfied the palate even of an epicure. The tables were quite elegantly laid out with an abundance of good things, and the halls and wards handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens.

Five Points' House of Industry.

The day passed quietly at the Industrial School, the energies of the Superintendent and his corps of assistants having been so much taxed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas festivals as to render a New-Year feast impracticable. On Thanksgiving Day over one thousand persons were furnished with an excellent dinner at the tables of this institution. Of these, about one hundred were the permanent inmates of the House; some three hundred were children who come in daily for their meals, and the instruction imparted in the school, and the balance were "outsiders" of every conceivable grade and stripe. All who had nowhere else to go for a good Thanksgiving dinner, were made welcome at these tables. The Christmas dinner was prepared only for the inmates and scholars, consisting about four hundred children.

This is a very interesting charity. The most casual survey of its class-rooms is sufficient to convince the visitor of the benign influence it exerts over the unfortunate class for whose benefit it was established. Beginning with the infant class, and going through from the lowest to the highest, in rotation, one is struck with the uniformity as well as the rapidity of improvement that is manifest. Most of the children enter the primary department, the unwashed, untutored, unmitigated offspring of "subterranean" degradation. After two or three years attendance at the school, we find them neat, intelligent and polite, and fitted for homes in good families, where they may become happy and useful members of society.

The *Monthly Record*, edited by the Superintendent, furnishes a very complete exhibit of the objects and operations of this benevolent enterprise.

Colored Orphan Asylum.

New Year's day here was observed in the usual holiday manner, all lessons being suspended, a good dinner provided, and the children, numbering 235 in all, allowed to amuse themselves as they liked best. The building, which occupies the site on Fifth-avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, is 170 feet long and fifty feet in depth. It cost originally $250,000; improvements and additions have been made to the extent of $6,000, and an hospital erected at an outlay of $10,000 more, making the aggregate expense involved in its completion, $356,000. It was established twenty-six years ago, the present edifice having been used for the purpose through a period of twenty years. In it is a nursery, three large school-rooms, a long dining-hall, several very spacious sleeping apartments, together with numerous smaller offices and rooms. Outside are two large play-grounds, with walks and shade trees. A remarkable fact in the economy of the establishment is that, although the inmates are well fed and clothed, the cost is only 7 cents a day per individual. The debts have all been paid, and to the credit of the management be it said, they own twenty-five valuable lots on Fifth-avenue. There are seven lady teachers. The children are admitted at the age of three, and remain till they are twelve years old. Among them are many bright, intelligent faces, some almost fair, with brown curly locks and agreeable regular features. They come from all parts of the State, and are taught the branches of a common school education. They were at dinner when we entered, and such a clatter of knives and forks and spoons was seldom heard outside those walls; it was something terrible the way in which the food disappeared. The 1st of January, 1863, will be remembered by them more than as a holiday—it will go down to their posterity as a day of jubilee and rejoicing, the dawning of which brought freedom to their race in free America.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Important Correspondence—Resolutions Relative to Rebel Privateers Fitted Out in British Ports.

A regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, President PELATIAH PERIT, Esq., in the Chair. About twenty members were in attendance.

Mr. LOWE, from the special Committee appointed at the last meeting to raise funds for the relief of the suffering operatives of England, made a verbal report, that a meeting of citizens had been held, at which a Citizens' Committee was appointed for the same purpose, and requested that the Committee of this Chamber be authorized to cooperate with the Citizens' Committee. The report was accepted, and the Committee were authorized so to act.

The following correspondence was read:

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR: The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Dec. 4, conveying a copy of the resolutions adopted on that day by the New-York Chamber of Commerce.

Your obedient servant, JOHN HAY.

A. C. RICHARDS, Esq.

FROM SECRETARY WELLES.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 11, 1862.

SIR: I have received your letter of the 6th inst., inclosing a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York, on the 4th inst., recommending and supporting that one or more naval steamers be dispatched to cruise about the Equator, etc., for the protection of American commerce, and in reply would respectfully state the Department has already dispatched armed vessels in that direction.

I am respectfully, your obedient servant,

GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

A. C. RICHARDS, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, New-York.

LIVERPOOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8.

SIR: I am directed by the President of this Chamber to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo, (previously addressed to the Board of Trade in London,) transmitting a series of resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York, relative to the burning of the ship *Brilliant* by the steamer *Alabama*, and I am to inform you that it shall be laid before the Council of this Chamber at the earliest opportunity.

I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

ROBERT TRONSON, Secretary.

J. A. SEAVENS, Jr., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, New-York.

LONDON COUNCIL OF TRADE.

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL FOR TRADE, WHITEHALL, Dec. 2, 1862.

SIR: I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ult., and I am to request that you will inform the Council that the resolutions passed by the Chamber on the subject of the burning of various ships by the *Alabama* have been received, and will be laid before her Majesty's Government. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. EMMER

[illegible] by Col. SHAFTER, Chief Quartermaster; Capt. BARNARD, Assist. Adjutant; and Capt. [illegible], Aide, took the early train for Washington. He will return to this City in a day or two.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE.—On New-Year's Eve the United States Revenue Inspectors, headed by the Hon. ROYES F. ANDREWS, Surveyor of the Port, proceeded in a body to the residence of J. L. VAN BOKKELEN, in Vesey-street, and took possession of the premises. Mr. PATTERSON, Chairman of the committee, then introduced the Surveyor, who proceeded to present, in behalf of the Inspectors, a splendid testimonial, consisting of four pieces of silver plate, of Dann, Black & Co's manufacture, worth over $200. Mr. ANDREWS was extremely happy upon receiving, feelingly alluding to the number of years Mr. V. B. had faithfully discharged the duties of Assistant-Surveyor, under different Administrations, with entire satisfaction to all; that in thirty-two years he had not issued ten dogs by forfeiture [illegible] the [illegible] cases, which had [illegible] in compliance but case, where he visited the grave of his child in Greenwood, and said it to himself had changed the decision to the satisfaction of the public, it was owing to the fact that Mr. V. B. was his adviser. He closed by presenting the testimonial, asking Mr. V. B. to [illegible] under the United States Revenue Inspectors under the Administration of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Mr. VAN BOKKELEN, in a few feeling remarks, accepted the gift. The Surveyor then, in behalf of the Inspectors, presented Mr. ANDREW R. TROTTER, Boarding Officer, a valuable American gold watch and chain. Mr. TROTTER responded in a very happy style. Mr. VAN BOKKELEN then invited the party to partake of a collation, at which good things were ate, drank and said. Among the distinguished gentlemen present were T. J. Brown, Esq., Deputy-Surveyor; Capt. George C. Dyer, Capt. Robert Johnson, Esq., and others. Speeches in response to complimentary toasts were made by Surveyor Andrews, Deputy-Surveyor Brown, Messrs. Graham, Gardiner, Hall, Grover and Pleasl. Great credit is due to the Presentation Committee and its able Chairman, Gen. ROBERT PATTERSON, for the agreeable manner in which the affair was carried out.

HANDSOME TESTIMONIAL.—On Tuesday evening Mr. JAMES M. THOMSON, one of the Deputy Collectors of City Revenue, appointed by Comptroller HAWS, was the recipient of a magnificent gold chronometer watch and chain, which were manufactured expressly for him by the American Watch Company. Amongst the contributors are mentioned the names of Mayor OPDYKE, Hon. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, TIMOTHY G. CHURCHILL, Esq., Hon. E. DELAFIELD SMITH, U. S. District Attorney, Hon. R. C. COWDIN, Alderman OTTIWELL and Wm. T. BLACK. The ceremony took place at the Fulton Hotel, corner of Eighteenth-street and Third-avenue, and the presentation address was made by U. S. District-Attorney SMITH. Mr. THOMSON in an eloquent reply, thanked his friends for the splendid gift, and the company then partook of a delicious supper which had been prepared. Speeches were subsequently made by Hons. CHARLES S. SPENCER, ELIHU C. COWDIN, Alderman OTTIWELL, TIMOTHY G. CHURCHILL, E. DELAFIELD SMITH, and others. Amongst the gentlemen present were Commissioner THOMAS SHEVERSON, JOHN J. TOWNSEND, W. R. OFFTEL, Acting 3d Comptroller; Capt. [illegible] and Lieut. BRAMAN, of the Twenty-sixth and Seventh Precincts. The occasion passed off pleasantly to all concerned. The following is the inscription on the inner case of the watch: "Presented to JAMES M. THOMSON, by his friends, as a testimonial of their respect and regard for his honesty and integrity. New-York, Dec. 23, 1862."

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.—A MAN BURIED ALIVE.—About 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, a man, whose name is unknown, while intoxicated, accidentally fell into an excavation, about fifteen feet in depth, in front of No. 63 East Broadway. The man was soon discovered, and the Police, aided by some citizens, attempted to get him out; but the victim had by this time become too stupid or too contrary to follow the advice given him by his would-be rescuers, and the consequence was that, owing to the crowd of persons gathered around the excavation, the earth gave way in a mass, and the man was buried alive. Great efforts were made to rescue him, but without success, and after working until 2 o'clock yesterday morning the Police suspended operations until day-light, owing to the danger attending a further search in the night-time. The body was recovered about 9 A. M. yesterday, and taken to the Seventh Precinct Station-house where it will be retained until to-day, when Coroner WILDEY will hold an inquest. The deceased was of medium size, well dressed, and apparently about 28 years of age. Any further information concerning him may be obtained either at the Seventh Precinct Station-house or at the Coroner's office, No. 4 Centre-street.

A MAN WITH TWO WIVES.—JAMES H. SHEPARD, alias J. H. Smith, was arrested on Wednesday by Officer GROTUS, upon the complaint of MARY ISABELLA NEALAS, of No. 257 Second-street, who charges SHEPARD with the crime of bigamy. From the evidence adduced before Justice OSBORN, at the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday afternoon, it appears that the following are the facts of the case: On the 8th day of February, 1856, the accused was married to HARRIET REED, by Rev. Mr. OSBORN, at his residence in Eighteenth-street. On the 16th of February, 1862, SHEPARD was again married, by Rev. W. F. COLLINS, to the complainant, MARY J. NEALAS. At former wife at that time being living in this City. At the time the latter ceremony took place SHEPARD gave his name as JAMES H. SMITH. The Justice committed SHEPARD in default of $1,000 bail.

FIRE IN GRAND-STREET.—About 7 o'clock this morning a fire originated in the attic of building No. 123 Grand-street, caused by some children setting fire to a bed with a match. The premises are occupied by ROSENA MEARS, (colored,) damage about $200. Insured for $400 in the Gotham Insurance Company. The building is damaged about $400. Insured. The grocery store underneath, owned by C. M. LAKEWIRE, is damaged by water about $25. Insured for $1,000 in the North River Insurance Company.

CORONERS' INQUESTS.—A boy, five years old, son of PATRICK MURRAY, residing at No. 232 Sixth-street, accidentally fell through a hole in the Pier foot of Seventh-street, and was drowned. The body was not recovered. PATRICK REESE, aged 16 years, fell overboard from a boat at the foot of Jackson-street, and was drowned. The body was not recovered. JOHN LAWRENCE, an Irishman, aged 67 years, and lately residing at No. 142 First-avenue, while walking along the avenue fell down in an apoplectic fit and died in a few minutes. Coroner notified.

ARREST OF A SHIP'S CAPTAIN.—ROBERT OSMAN, captain of a ship lying in the North River, was arrested by officer BEARE, of the First Ward Police, charged with stealing a $50 Mill from Wm. FOWLER, the colored cook and steward of the same vessel. Capt. OSMAN, it is alleged, took the money from FOWLER's pocket and refused to return it. OSMAN was taken before Justice GERMAIN and held to bail in $500 to answer before the Court of Sessions.

ARRESTS AT SUNDRY.—At about 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a German tailor, named HENRY KAHMAN, residing at No. 200 West Thirty-second-street, attempted to commit suicide by slashing himself with a pair of shears. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. No cause was assigned for the act.

FIRE IN CHURCH STREET.—About 10 o'clock last night a fire occurred in the basement of building No. 108 Church-street, occupied by JAMES ROSSER. Loss about $50; no insurance. Cause of fire unknown. The building is damaged about $50.

LAW REPORTS.

Ellen Shepherd Arrest Order, the Prisoner Discharged.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Before Full Bench.

The People vs. James Dwyer.—The prisoner, James Dwyer, was tried at the Court of General Sessions for the City and County of New-York, on the 1st day of December, 1857, for the offence of arson in the first degree, and was found guilty by the jury. The offence alleged in the indictment was that he did on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1857, and the dwelling-house burned was stated to have been the dwelling-house of one Christian Geyer. On the 21st day of December, judgment of death was pronounced upon the prisoner, and he was ordered to be executed on the 5th day of the ensuing February. His case was carried, by writ of error, to the General Term of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial District, for review, where the judgment of the Court of General Sessions was affirmed on the 11th day of June, 1859.

The prisoner's counsel contended before the Court of Appeals as follows:

The proceed of the cause by writ of error was under the provisions of the third section of the act of April 12, 1858, (Laws of 1858, p. 618.)

First—The defendant cannot have judgment pronounced against him on the conviction in this case. The offence charged in the indictment was committed in 1857. The Revised Statutes then provided that "[illegible] (if punishable at all,) is changed to "[illegible] in one of the State Prisons, and to be kept in confinement at hard labor, for his or her natural life." That [illegible] was for about of the market before the holiday of yesterday. The excitement at the 1 o'clock meeting of the Public Board is almost unprecedented in the violent fluctuations of 1862. The bidding on many of the Railways was even higher at the Second Session of the regular Board, when Erie Shares touched 87½ ₩ cent., the highest point since the year 1856. One or two other Roads, like Illinois Central and Toledo, which were partially neglected in the morning, started up 1@2 ₩ cent., and New-York Central was done at 106½ ₩ cent., a rise of 2½ ₩ cent. since the day before the New-Year, while Cleveland and Pittsburgh and the Harlems were not so high as at the First Board. The Government Securities advanced 1 ₩ cent. on 5 ₩ cents of 1881, and 7.30 ₩ cents, and 2 ₩ cent. on United States Custom-house Notes; the last in sympathy with Gold Coin, which rose to 134¼@135 ₩ cent. The magnitude of the sales to-day on nearly the entire list of Stocks, was ahead of Wednesday, though not equal to what might reasonably have been expected on so important an extra day. A good many of the speculators appeared to move with much confidence of a future advance. So far as the Proclamation of the President enters into financial calculations, the effect, to-day, is decidedly favorable. The prospect of early emancipation in Missouri to be compensated by the United States Government, further advanced Missouri 6 ₩ cents to 64@65 ₩ cent. The realizations at the sudden movement from 52 ₩ cent. caused a slight reaction at the close of the day. The 6 ₩ cents of Tennessee begin to attract more speculative attention. The fact that this State is exempt from the proclamation of the President is considered favorably, and the implied meaning is that the State will soon be fully represented in Congress, like Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri. At private sale we hear this afternoon that 7.30 ₩ cent. Treasury Bonds have been done as high as 102¾ ₩ cent. and interest.

At the 4 o'clock meeting of the Public Board the excitement continued, but the feeling was more equally divided between buyers and sellers. The general market left off about as follows, compared with the prices on the eve of the New-Year:

	Wed.	Fri.		Wed.	Fri.
U. S. 6s, 1881	99¾	100¾	Harlem	77	79¾
Treas. 7.30s, 1861	102¾	102¾	Harlem Pref	86¼	86¾
U. S. Notes C. H.	127¾	128½	Mich. Central	91¾	91¾
Gold Coin	134¼	134¾	Mich. Southern	45¾	45¾
N. Y. Central	104¾	106½	Mich. Guaranti'd	55¼	55¾
Erie	86¾	87¾	Illinois Central	87	87¾
Erie Preferred	86¾	88½	Pittsburgh	80	80½
Hudson	80	82½	Galena & A.	83¾	84
Pacific Mail	128¾	128¾	Toledo	68½	72¾
Fremont	170	170	Rock Island	82¾	84
Pacific Central	86	86¾	Fort Wayne	76¾	77¾
Hannibal	38	38¾			

The following are the bids made to-day for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	300	Bank of the Republic	98
Union	105	Bank of Commerce	108
Bankers' & Drovers'	118	Manufacturers'	98

And the following for the Railway Mortgages, for which there is a large demand:

N. Y. Cen. 6s	111	N. H. & A. 5s 1st Pref.	87
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1865	108	L. C. & M. L. S. Bds.	80
N. Y. Cen. 7s, con. '76	116	Chi. & N. W. G. B. ext.	87
Erie Bonds, '83	106	Chi. & N. W. Sinking ext.	87
Erie 6s, '70	110	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds.	81½
Erie 6s, 1875	110	Chi. & N. W. Int. '24 s.	80
Erie fourths, '80	100¾	Chi. & N. W. Int. Ass.	67
Erie fifths, '82	90	Chi. & N. W. seconds	58½
Buff. N. Y. & Erie, 1st	97	Del., Lack. & W. Int.	114
Hudson convert., '77	92	Del., Lack. & W. Bds.	110
Hudson convert., '84	92	Pacific R. Mo. 1st Mort.	102¾
Harlem gold, '74	105	Tol. & Wab. seconds	68
Harlem Shares, 6s	62¾	Mil. & P. du Chien Int.	107
Mich. Cen. & S. S.	92-113¾	Chi. & R. I. Bonds	112
Chi. Bur. & Q. 6s, 1861	102	Chi. & Rock Is. s. f. ex. int.	90
Mich. Cen. 7 & 8s	108	P. & F. W. & C. 1st, ex. int.	105
Ind. Cedar Falls	80	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 2d, ex. int.	86
M. S. & N. Ind. s. f.	90	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 3d	75½
Ill. Cen. 7s, '76	111	Clev. & Pitts. sink. ext.	74
Ill. I. M. & N. Ill. int.	100¾		

The Money transactions on the Street today were to an extraordinary amount, embracing besides the customary collections after January, and for Dividends, &c., a large amount of cash business on the Stock Exchange and at the counters of the prominent dealers in Bullion, United States Stocks and Treasury paper. There was perhaps more done at Bank in paying out for Dividend than in lending to the brokers. The rate for Money is 6 ₩ cent. The rate of Exchange on London advanced to $1 47@$1 47½ ₩ cent. upon the rise in Gold Coin, and the calculation that a good many Dividends will be to remit for by the next or succeeding packet.

Mr. STEPHEN F. MASSEY has been admitted a member of the firm of W. R. TRAVERS & Co., of the Stock Exchange.

The Bank of Commerce is to-day paying the January coupons on the Bonds of the State of Missouri, issued to the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company. This brings up the averages on this $3,000,000 issue of the 6 ₩ cent. Stock of Missouri to the present time. We learn that some discrimination is already being made in favor of the same Stock issued to the Pacific Railway Company, direct line, under the belief that this Company, following the example of the Hannibal and St. Joseph, will soon be able to take care of the interest. This issue amounts to $7,000,000.

We understand that Mr. WILLIAM B. BEND has been admitted to the firm of LIVERMORE, CLEWES & Co., as a partner. Mr. B. has heretofore acted as the Cashier of the house.

A new firm in the business of the Stock Exchange has been established at No. 4 Broad-street, under the firm of WOODBRIDGE & MORRIS. They will be chiefly identified as dealers and commission Brokers in Gold Coin and United States securities of every class. Mr. WOODBRIDGE has heretofore been favorably known in the Dry Goods trade. Mr. MORRIS, the junior partner, has long been connected with the Uncurrent Money Department of the Metropolitan Bank, and is cordially indorsed by the officers of the Bank, and the firm has also leave to refer to the Bank of North America, to Messrs. A. BELMONT & Co., and BEND, DREXEL & Co.

The States of Ohio and Illinois are to-day paying their January interest in Gold Coin. The State of New-York of course pays in Gold Coin as usual, through the Manhattan Company. The United States Government, as customary, pays off so much of the principal of the Public Debt in Gold Coin as matures under the practice of the Government on the 1st of January. The amount is $2,955,000, the remnant of the Loan of $5,000,000 made in 1813, payable at the pleasure of the Government, at any time after the 31st of December, 1861. Some doubt has, of late, been expressed in our commercial circles, as to whether this obligation would be promptly met by the Government in Gold Coin, in place of ordinary United States Notes of lawful tender, but as there was no sufficient reason for any departure from the uniform strict observance of the public faith, on all that concerns the Funded Debt of the United States, principal as well as interest, we feel loth to remark in the subject in advance. The Treasury had its difficulty in the present instance of borrowing the requisite amount of Gold Coin, at a low rate of interest, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Customs Duties next Spring, before which time Gold exclusively must be paid into the Custom House. The Sub-Treasury is also paying to-day the January interest on about $30,000,000 5 per cents and $30,000,000 6 per cents of the United States Notes. The whole interest is about $3,000,000, or with the principal [illegible]

Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS, No. 2 Wall-street, have just published a supplement to their well-known *Bank Note Reporter*, the Tax Law of the United States, abbreviated and alphabetically arranged, together with the official decisions made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. A Stamp Compendium is affixed to this pamphlet.

The Canceled Bond Scrip of the Illinois Central Company has advanced to 45 ₩ cent. This Scrip was issued to the amount of $1,150,000 in place of a corresponding amount of the Land Mortgage Bonds bought in with the proceeds of the Land sales of the Company, and distributed to the shareholders. The Scrip will bear the same rate of future Dividends as the Scrip shares, and it is now relatively cheaper in the market.

The Mariners' Savings Bank has declared their usual dividend, payable on the 21st of January, free of Government tax. The Irving Savings Institution the usual dividend, payable on and after the 19th of January. The American Fire Insurance Company a semi-annual interest dividend of 3½ ₩ cent., payable on demand. The Harmony Fire and Marine Insurance Company a semi-annual dividend of 5 ₩ cent., free of Government tax, also payable on demand.

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $1,286,473 63, (including for Customs, $63,000;) payments, $1,517,221 55; balance, $10,155,019 68.

The following is a comparative statement of the Imports of Foreign Dry Goods at the Port of New-York, for the week ending Jan. 1, 1863:

For the week.	1860.	1861.	1862.
Entered at the port	$1,360,261	$1,600,452	$1,402,309
Thrown on market	642,336	827,619	657,009
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port	$103,271,100	$83,038,639	$56,121,527
Thrown on market	97,850,428	83,133,400	60,006,656

The following is the summary for the week:

CONSUMPTION PRICES.	Pkgs.	Value.	WAREHOUSE. Pkgs.	Value.	WITHDRAWN. Pkgs.	Value.
Mf'rd Wool	759	$200,196	346	$116,104	30	$9,166
Mf. of Cot'n	372	72,212	328	75,267	13	4,068
Mf. of Silk	474	160,606	68	30,603	—	—
Mf. of Flax	2,329	201,340	272	21,246	6	1,462
Miscellan's	2,416	88,305	2,804	32,044	6	320,729
Total	6,350	$641,419	3,352	$465,220	44	$16,419
		465,920				641,470
Total entered		$1,046,339	Total marketed			$657,890

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Jan. 2, 1863—6 P. M.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, have been: 72 bbls. Ashes; 17,355 bbls. Flour; 90 bbls. and 666 bags Corn Meal, 600 bushels Wheat, 69 bushels Corn, 600 bushels Rye, 1,700 bushels Barley, 1,515 bushels Malt, 5,095 pkgs. Provisions, and 520 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are inactive at $8 25@$8 50 for Pots, and $8 93 for Pearls, ₩ 100 lbs.

COTTON—Has advanced to 68c. for Middlings ₩ lb., with sales reported, since our last, of 1,500 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been more active, and has again advanced 5c.@10c. ₩ bbl. The reported sales include 5,000 bbls. State, chiefly at $5 00@$5 05 for common round-hoop extra State; $5 05@$5 20 for fancy round-hoop extra State; $5 20@$5 25 for shipping brands, and $5 25@$5 35 for round-hoop extra Ohio, shipping brands, at $5 60@$5 65 ₩ bbl.

Superfine State	$5 30	@$5 40
Extra State	5 25	@ 5 35
Superfine Western	5 20	@ 5 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Mich. & Wisc. &c.	5 25	@ 5 35
Extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping brands	5 60	@ 5 80
Extra Ohio, trade brands	5 60	@ 5 80
Extra Genesee	6 00	@ 6 50
Extra Canada	5 65	@ 6 00
Extra Southern	5 60	@ 6 00

Southern Flour is active and buoyant; sales of 2,000 bbls., at $5 90@$7 30 for lower to good extra, and Baltimore, &c., $7 35@$9 for fancy to choice brands, and $9@$10 for very superior family brands, ₩ bbl. Canadian Flour continues in good demand, at advancing rates; sales 350 bbls. Extra, at $5 15@$5 70 ₩ bbl. Rye Flour is in moderate request, at $5 50@$5 75 for fine and superfine, ₩ bbl. Corn Meal is in demand at $3 [illegible] for Jersey; $4 30 for Brandywine, Jersey, and $4 40@$4 45 for Brandywine, ₩ bbl. Buckwheat Flour, $2 75@$3 10 ₩ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in good demand, at an advance of 1c. ₩ bushel. Sales, since our last, of 121,000 bushels, including Amber Western at $1 40@$1 50; Red Western, (Winter,) at $1 24@$1 40; Amber Iowa and Wisconsin, $1 37½@$1 41; Milwaukee Club at $1 30@$1 37; Canada Spring at [illegible] ₩ bush. Corn is in moderate request, and is up 1c. ₩ bushel. Sales since our last, 60,000 bushels at 76½c.@79c. for shipping Mixed Western; 74c.@75c. for Eastern Mixed do.; 65c.@73c. for unsound; 82c. for yellow Western ₩ bushel. Rye is salable at 80c.@86c., according to quality, ₩ bushel. Oats are in good demand, including Canada at 65c.@70c.; Western at 69c.@71c., and State at 70c.@71c. ₩ bushel. Barley continues in active request, at $1 15@$1 50, according to quality, ₩ bushel; sales 9,000 bushels. 1,500 bushels State Barley Malt were sold at $1 60 ₩ bushel.

HAY—North River has been in good request at 85c.@$1 ₩ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are in fair demand at steady prices, including new at 16c.@25c., the latter rate for very choice, ₩ lb.

MOLASSES—Sales, 120 bbls. New-Orleans, at 34c.@35c. ₩ gallon.

Stock of Molasses, Jan. 1.

	1862.	1861.	1860.
Cuba Muscovado, hhds	4,101	3,826	3,294
Cuba clayed, hhds	931	531	74
Porto Rico, hhds	623	1,074	723
Total hhds	5,654	5,431	2,091
Total bbls	2,061	1,963	5,148

PROVISIONS—Pork has been lightly dealt in to-day, sales having been confined to 600 bbls. at $14 37½@$14 50 for Mess, and $11 62½@$12 50 for Prime, ₩ bbl. Stock 100,700 bbls., against 32,519 bbls. Jan. 1, 1862, and 44,402 bbls. Jan. 1, 1861. Cut Meats are very quiet, at 7¼c.@8c. for Hams, and 5¾c. for Shoulders, ₩ lb. Bacon is in fair demand at 7¾c.@9c. ₩ lb., sales, 400 boxes. Lard is unsettled; sales 1,000 tcs. and bbls., at 9½c.@10c. ₩ lb. Beef is dull and heavy; sales, since our last, 120 bbls. at $13@$14 for Extra Mess, and $11 50@$13 for Plain Mess, ₩ bbl. Stock 111,472 tcs. and bbls., against 36,696 tcs. and bbls. Jan. 1, 1862, and 56,781 tcs. and bbls. Jan. 1, 1861. Prime Mess, $20@$23 ₩ tierce; India Mess, $22@$26 ₩ tierce. Beef Hams, $15@$18 ₩ bbl. Butter continues in moderate request at 15c.@20c. for poor to choice Western, and 21c.@25c. for common to choice State, ₩ lb. Cheese is selling slowly at 9½c.@13c. ₩ lb.

RICE—Was quiet, at former rates. Messrs. BARNES O'SULLIVAN & Co., have prepared the following statement of the

Stock of Rice, Jan. 1.

	1863.	1862.
Carolina, tcs	15,539	9,000
East India, cleaned, bags	1,657	38,820
East India, uncleaned, bags	4,366	2,004
Patna, casks and bbls	—	375
SUGARS—Sales, 300 hhds., including New-Orleans, at 10¾c.@10¾c., and Cuba, at 9¾c.@9¾c. ₩ lb.

Stock of Sugar, Jan. 1.

	1863.	1862.	1861.
Cuba, hhds	34,480	31,808	16,027
Porto Rico, hhds	1,128	1,655	750
New-Orleans, hhds	235	370	12,907
English Islands, hhds	790	469	96
Martinique, hhds	—	570	—
Total, hhds	36,633	35,782	29,580
Melasses, hhds	4,739	1,428	128
Total Boxes	16,759	17,314	8,756
Total Bags	141,468	96,568	96,049

TALLOW—Sales, 75,000 lbs. at 10¼c.@10¾c. ₩ lb.

TOBACCO—Has been in limited demand at unchanged prices.

Domestic Tobacco Trade of the New-York Inspection Warehouses, in December.

	Ky.	Va. & Md.	Ohio.	Total.
Stock Dec. 1, 1862, Hhds.	82,604	13	4	82,621
Received since	1,945	—	—	1,945
Total	84,549	13	4	84,566
Delivered since	8,567	1	—	8,568
Stock Jan. 1, 1863	75,982	12	4	75,998
Stock Jan. 1, 1862	14,869	618	8	15,495

Domestic Tobacco Trade of the Port of New-York in 1862.

	Havana.	Ohio.	Sumatra.	Manila.	Total.
Stock Jan. 1, '62, hhds	6,078	—	—	839	6,917
Received since	27,611	4,003	661	4,410	36,685
Total	33,689	4,003	661	5,249	43,602
Sales to Dec. 31, 1862	32,043	4,003	661	2,215	41,047
Stock Jan. 1, 1863	611	—	—	1,174	2,355

Messrs. M. RANDS & Son, in their circular and usually correct annual review, say that reliable estimates put down the extent of the new crop of domestic tobacco as follows:

In Missouri, hhds	12,000
Ohio River sections, hhds	10,000
Green County and Kentucky River, hhds	10,000
Green River and Henderson County, hhds	10,000
Western District, hhds	6,000
Clarksville District, hhds	10,000
Stem Total, hhds	60,000

The crop of Missouri is described as of good quality, with a large proportion of fine wrapper, and suffering from a sprinkling of frosty leaf, and in the other sections is being much affected by worms, deficient in length, and lacking in a great measure the usual proportion of good substance and gum; moreover, the ratio of common grades will be much larger than in the previous crops. Already large purchases have been made in the West at very full prices, for heavy crops round; for fine light and medium, for heavy crops round; and most of these undertakings are not based on the expectation of an early profitable realization, but on the probability that owing to a scarcity of field hands, the greater part of the negroes in Kentucky and Tennessee, having either run away, been freed, or removed farther South, it will probably take a number of years before these sections can produce anything like a full average crop, without counting in that those very sections have been and are the theatre of war in the Southwest. For Manufactured Tobacco, the year just ended has been the most active and exciting ever known in this branch of business. It would be impossible to give any correct estimates of the amount of business done during that period, as the immense speculations in the limited stock then on hand for a period of over seven months, say from February to September, was almost all constant remake and changing of hands of the old stock. During the year, in consequence of the great demand for Fine Tobacco, about seventy factories were started in different States, and have been working to full extent, the average being over 25 boxes ₩ day to each factory. The locations of these factories are as follows: 7 in New-York, 3 in Maryland, 2 in Ohio, 3 in Pennsylvania, 1 in Massachusetts, 6 in Illinois, 19 in Missouri, 19 in Kentucky, 6 in Western Canada, besides several smaller factories in the Western States, whose average are lower and five boxes per day. Two-thirds of this stock has found its way to the markets, and the balance to neighboring cities and for exportation. With a stock of near 22,000 boxes on hand the first day of last January, of which Virginia Tobacco was the largest part, our sales from March to August for California and Australia relieved the market of the greatest bulk of the better grades and at highly satisfactory prices. The same may be said of Western and City made black work for and [illegible] M. Bs., of which large quantities went said the June, July and August for the Australian trade. Our stock at this date are estimated at 40,000 packages, in dealers' and speculators' hands, and 40,000 packages held in the several other markets of the country. Of this there yet remains about 50,000 packages Virginia, and it is generally supposed that more than half of this old stock is in unmerchantable order. Also, about 7,000 packages Navy Pounds, held principally in the West. In this article considerable has been done on Government account for the navy; also to army sutlers. The balance of the stock consists principally of Western black work. In consequence of the imperfect working of the Tax laws, and no settled mode for obtaining the drawbacks on goods sold for export, our manufacturers have experienced some competition from goods made in Canada, which have been sent here and sold for exportation to Scotland, and at prices with our own manufacturers can only compete with when the drawback system is in full operation. For the last few months the business has been very stagnant, speculation having ceased, and but little inquiry for actual demand; the consequence has been, that a number of lots held outside the regular trade have been pressed on the market at a considerable falling off in prices from previous quotations; but it is the general impression that, with the high prices of the raw material, and a number of Western factories stopping work for want of remunerative prices, an advance from present prices will shortly take place. At the commencement of the year prices ranged: For Virginia, at an average of 35c. ₩ lb.; Western and City, 25c.@28c. In August prices reached their highest point, namely: $1@$1 20 for Virginia, and 45c.@50c. for Western and City; and in September, with the tax added, 55c., while to-day we quote the average price of Virginia, 30c.@35c.; Western and City, 50c.@55c., with the tax paid.

WHISKY—Sales 300 bbls., in lots, at 29c. @ 30½c. ₩ gallon.

FREIGHTS—Were somewhat irksome. For Liverpool, Wednesday included 17,600 bushels Wheat, in bulk and bags, at 9¾d. ₩ bushel; 100 tcs. Beef at 4s. ₩ tcc.; 1,000 boxes Cheese and 400 bags Clover Seed at 22s. 6c.; 50 hhds. Tallow at 28s. ₩ ton; 100 tcs. Beef Pkgs. at 5s. ₩ bbl.; and by steamer, 1,000 pkgs. Provisions at 60s. ₩ ton; and 400 bales Hops at 7d. ₩ lb. For London, 1,200 bbls. Flour at 2s. 4d. ₩ bbl., and 50 tons heavy goods at 32s. 6d. @ 35s. ₩ ton. For Glasgow, 65 pkgs. Provisions at 35s. 6d. ₩ ton. For Bremen, 100 bbls. Alcohol at 8½c. ₩ gallon; 150 pkgs. Beef at 40c., and 150 tons Cedar-wood at 35s. ₩ ton; 200 bales Hops at 8½c. ₩ lb., and 400 bbls Beef Pkgs at 40c. ₩ bbl.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM NEW-YORK.			
United Kingdom	Dec. 27	Glasgow	New-York.
Hammonia	Dec. 27	Southampton	New-York.
Asia	Dec. 30	Liverpool	Portland.
Persia	Dec. 30	Liverpool	New-York.
New-York	Dec. 30	Southampton	New-York.
City of Baltimore	Dec. 31	Liverpool	New-York.
Java	Dec. 31	Liverpool	Portland.
Adriatic	Dec. 31	Liverpool	New-York.
Saxonia	Dec. 31	Southampton	New-York.
City of Washington	Jan. 3	Liverpool	New-York.
Ohio	Jan. 3	Liverpool	New-York.
Arabia	Jan. 10	Liverpool	New-York.
Borussia	Jan. 10	Southampton	New-York.
Hansa	Jan. 10	Southampton	New-York.
Rosalia	Feb. 11	Southampton	New-York.
FROM ABROAD.			
Great Eastern	Jan. 3	New-York	Liverpool.
Glasgow	Jan. 3	New-York	Liverpool.
Bohemian	Jan. 3	Portland	Liverpool.
Persia	Jan. 3	Liverpool	Liverpool.
United Kingdom	Jan. 10	Glasgow	Glasgow.
Etna	Jan. 10	New-York	Liverpool.
Hammonia	Jan. 10	New-York	Southampton.
Persia	Jan. 14	New-York	Liverpool.
Europa	Jan. 17	Boston	Liverpool.
New-York	Jan. 17	New-York	Southampton.
Africa	Jan. 21	Boston	Liverpool.
Teutonia	Jan. 24	New-York	Southampton.
China	Jan. 28	New-York	Liverpool.

Departure of European Mails.

The Mails for Europe by the steamship Glasgow will close at the New-York Post-office to-day, (Saturday,) at 10½ o'clock A. M.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

South Mail leaves at	8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
South Mail closes at	8 A. M. and 2:30 and 10½ P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad) leave	8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Eastern Mails at	8 A. M., 1:45 P. M., 2 and 6:30 P. M.

Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 10½ A. M. and 2½ P. M.

On Sunday all Mails close at 1:30 P. M.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. E. T. HUSON, D. D., will preach a sermon to young men at the 16th-st. Baptist church, near 6th-av. (Rev. W. S. MILLER's,) on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Young men are especially invited.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF FREEDOM.—The Rev. HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET will preach on Sunday Evening, in Shiloh Presbyterian Church, corner of Prince and Marion-sts. Subject—*The Year of Jubilee.* The friends of freedom are invited, at 7½ o'clock.

FREE CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION (Protestant Episcopal), in East Twenty-second, between 2d and 3d-avs. Rev. ROBERT C. DICKSON, Pastor. Services at 10½ A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M. Strangers at hotels, and all unattached with any other church, will find a welcome. All seats free.

THE CREATION SERIES.—REV. W. E. CHANNING will preach a sermon in this series of discourses upon the universe and attributes of God, as exhibited in Nature, in the New-England Church, South 9th-st., Williamsburgh, on SUNDAY EVENING, 11th instant. Subject—*Physical Geography.* Service at 7½.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY—CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS.—Services at 10½ A. M. and 3 and 7½ P. M. Rev. PARKER P. WILKES will preach on SUNDAY MORNING and Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, D. D., in the EVENING.

RIGHT REV. BISHOP STEVENS, OF Pennsylvania, will preach in Christ Church of the Ascension, corner of Lexington-av. and 53d-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in behalf of the Twenty Hour Mission, connected with that Parish. Service to commence at 7½ o'clock.

MR. STEPHEN PARKER, THE SUNDAY School Missionary of Illinois, will speak before the Juvenile Missionary Association of Westminster Church, corner of Fourth-ave. and Clinton-st., Brooklyn, at the annual meeting, on SUNDAY, 4th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M. The friends of children are invited.

AT SIT. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, Hudson-st., near Canal, Rev. J. MASON will preach at 10½ A. M. and at 7½ P. M. The morning discourse will relate to the opening of the New-Year, and the evening topic will be the Practical Duties of Emancipation. Seats cheerfully provided for strangers.

REV. HENRY KIMBALL WILL PREACH in the Fifth Presbyterian Church, near 2d-st., SUNDAY MORNING and EVENING. Morning subject—*Wisdom of God in the Year;* Evening, *

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1863.

Announcements This Evening.

WINTER GARDEN—THE FAIRY CIRCLE—IN AND OUT OF PLACE—BARNEY THE BARON.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—BLONDETTE; OR, THE HIDDEN PRIZE AND FAIRY FRAGILE.

WALLACK'S—A BACHELOR OF ARTS.

NIBLO'S GARDEN—FAUST AND MARGUERITE.

BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF MORGAN HORSES.

PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—LUCRETIA BORGIA.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—JEWESS OF FRANKFORT; OR, THE VERDICT OF FATE, afternoon and evening; DEMIDOFF'S Performing Bears, Giant Girl, &c., at all hours.

BANVARD'S NEW HALL OF ART (No. 659 Broadway)—BANVARD'S PANORAMA OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE WAR.

BROOKLYN ARENA—CLASSIC AND MODERN GYMNASTICS.

IRVING HALL—PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

THEATRE FRANCAIS—LE CORDE DES PENDUS—LE MONSIEUR D'HORACE.

GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—FRAUEN PREIS.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The Emancipation Proclamation of President LINCOLN was given to the world on the 1st inst., and has probably been already perused by the great majority of readers in the loyal States. It declares the freedom of all slaves in those portions of the country now in armed rebellion against the Government. Those portions comprise the States of Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, excepting those parts of Virginia and Louisiana which are under Government control. He enjoins upon the persons thus declared free to abstain from all violence, except in necessary self-defence, and further declares that such persons, of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States, to garrison forts, man vessels, etc.

The great battle at Murfreesboro, the preliminaries of which were noted in Thursday's TIMES, commenced in earnest on Wednesday. The fighting appears to have been terrible. At 2 o'clock P. M., Gen. THOMAS had broken the rebel centre, and our whole line was immediately advanced under the personal supervision of Gen. ROSECRANS—the artillery, under Gen. NEGLEY, meanwhile, still playing with fearful effect upon the broken ranks of the enemy. Gen. CRITTENDEN's left wing had taken the intrenchments at Murfreesboro. On our side Gens. STANLEY, ROSSEAU and PALMER had been wounded, while on the rebel side Gens. CHEATHAM and RAINS had been killed. This was the latest bulletin we had received up to 1 o'clock this morning, though the telegraph line was working to Nashville, and it was understood that the battle was renewed yesterday morning. We hope to obtain a knowledge of the result before going to press.

Not the least important of the news from the West, this morning, relates to the defeat of JOHN MORGAN, the guerrilla. During his last raid into Kentucky he has been met at various points by our forces, and has almost invariably been worsted. The most decisive defeat he has suffered, however, was at the hands of Col. HOSKINS, of the Twelfth Kentucky Regiment, commanding the National forces at Lebanon. He attacked MORGAN on Thursday, south of the Columbia road, killed and wounded several of his men, and captured sixty, together with their caissons, ammunition, wagons and provisions. Gen. BOYLE telegraphs from headquarters, in Louisville, that MORGAN has paid dearly for all the damage he has done this time.

Gen. WRIGHT, commanding the Department of the Ohio, has notified the War Department of the successful expeditions against the guerrillas—one into Campbell County, Tenn., in which a camp of rebels 350 strong was completely broken up; and the other into the eastern part of Powell County, Ky., in which a large band of guerrillas, with supplies for HUMPHREY MARSHALL'S army, were surprised and routed.

From the Army of the Potomac we have no news of special importance. The rebel STUART, it is reported, has succeeded in making his way back across the Rappahannock, somewhere in the vicinity of Warrenton. Several contrabands came into camp yesterday, and were received in accordance with the terms of the President's Proclamation.

The steamer *S. R. Spaulding* arrived at this port on Thursday, bringing Gen. BUTLER and Staff, and advices from New-Orleans to the 24th ult. The steamer *George Washington* arrived last evening from the same port, with advices to the 25th—one day later. Our correspondence gives full details of the news, which is of much interest. Gen. BUTLER, before he left New-Orleans, issued an address to the people of the city, and Gen. BANKS had issued another proclamation—both of which documents will be found in our columns this morning. Some symptoms of disorder had appeared in the city after the change in command was effected, but all such tendencies were promptly checked by orders from Gen. BANKS. An order had been issued for freeing certain State prisoners confined in the forts and elsewhere, conditioned on their taking the oath of allegiance. Another order directed the re-opening of the churches, under certain restrictions. Nothing of moment had been heard from Vicksburgh or Port Hudson, and nothing had transpired as to Gen. BANKS' intended movements. It is intimated, however, that he has started on a campaign, making Baton Rouge his base of operations.

THOS. O. MOORE, the rebel Governor of Louisiana, issued a proclamation calling a special session of the General Assembly of the State for December 15 at Opelousas, "to consider and provide for the exigencies of public defence, and such other matters of special or general interest as may deserve legislation."

Rebel newspapers received in New-Orleans give us some interesting items of news. JEFF. DAVIS was in Jackson, Miss., on Dec. 18. At Chattanooga, bets were freely offered by one or two who claimed to be posted, that the rebels would be in Nashville before New-Year's. Gen. PRESTON denies emphatically that he ever delivered such a speech as that recently attributed to him, in which he declared that if England attempted to interfere in our difficulties, the South would unite with the North in an effort to whip her. Col. L. M. LAMAR, of the Eighth Georgia, and brother of Col. L. L. C. LAMAR, is to make a visit to Europe for his health. As late as Nov. 30, very few families had returned to Wilmington, N. C., and the city looked gloomy. Gen. WHITING had declared that he would burn the city if he found that he could not hold it.

A society of free persons of color, desirous of emigrating to Florida, has been organized in New-Orleans, with W. C. JOURNEE as President. Gov. SHARKEY indorses the objects of the association as judicious and laudable.

The Memphis *Argus*, of the 27th ult., says that a gentleman who reached that city—only five days out from Little Rock—on the 20th, states that on the day of his departure from the Arkansas Capital intelligence was received of another severe battle between Gens. BLUNT and HINDMAN, in the northwestern portion of the State. Gen. HINDMAN had sent a dispatch to Little Rock, announcing that he had driven the enemy fifty miles back, and that as soon as the Federals had finished burying the dead the battle would be renewed. It was understood that HINDMAN subsequently admitted that he did fall back some fifty miles, but the reason alleged is that he was that distance from his supplies. This unquestionably has reference to the terrible defeat of the rebels in the battle of Prairie Grove.

Gov. MORTON, of Indiana, is said to have urged the Government to mount fifty regiments of infantry, to carry no sabres, and to retain their muskets or rifles and bayonets, using their horses for rapid marching. He insists that in this way only can our communications be protected, and such roving bands as MORGAN'S be driven out of the country. MORGAN'S men carry but few sabres, fight on foot, and have their horses for marching.

Col. TYLER, First Connecticut, has been suddenly ordered to rejoin his regiment. This looks as if Gen. BURNSIDE was about to make a move.

The Washington *Star* of Wednesday has this curious paragraph: "We hear a story alleging that President Lincoln was last night shot at, while riding, and his coachman wounded. There is no truth whatever in either branch of the rumor-back."

The inauguration of Gov. SEYMOUR took place in the Assembly Chamber in Albany, on Thursday, the ceremonies commencing at 11 A. M., in the presence of a large assemblage. After the oath had been administered to the new Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, Ex-Gov. MORGAN made a farewell address, in which he gave a synoptical view of the condition of the State finances, which he leaves in the most gratifying condition. Gov. SEYMOUR, in his Inaugural Address, expressed his determination to support the National and State Constitutions. While knowing that his position gave him little control over National affairs, he yet ventured to trust that before the end of his term of service the country would be again quiet, glorious and united, as it once was.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. BOOLE presented a resolution to donate $1,000 to the Woman's Prison Association and Isaac T. Hopper Home—a report upon a petition for which had been inadvertently omitted by the Finance Committee, and asked a unanimous adoption of it, stating that he desired that the Common Council would, for the first time do, in this case, what was common in legislative bodies, permit the unanimous adoption of the paper to answer the requirement of the law about laying over two days, the delay being intended only to afford time for consideration in cases where objection to the immediate passage of a paper was raised. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The ordinances to donate $50,000 to the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, toward the construction of a new asylum building, and to issue change notes, were taken up separately, and passed over the Mayor's vetoes, the former unanimously, and the latter by 13 to 2. The resolutions relating to the Sixth-avenue Railroad, from the other Board, were laid over. The Board adjourned till 10 o'clock A. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The resolution to donate $1,500 to the Woman's Prison Association and Isaac T. Hopper Home, was unanimously adopted after Mr. BOOLE had repeated to them the explanation of the matter which he had made in the other Board, permission for him to make the explanation being unanimously granted on the motion of Mr. BARNEY. The Railway Committee report in favor of having the Corporation Counsel take proceedings against the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company, to recover license fees for cars that have been run without licenses, and directing the Street Commissioner to take up the tracks which the Company have put down without municipal authority, was taken up and adopted. The resolution to procure a portrait of Gen. MCCLELLAN was lost for want of a constitutional vote. The Board adjourned till 10½ o'clock this morning.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, resolutions were adopted affirming the previous action of the Chamber in favor of a coinage department to be attached to the Assay Office in this City. The ravages of the pirate Alabama were discussed, and the conduct of the British Government in fitting out such vessels to prey upon our commerce was severely commented upon. A preamble and resolutions were adopted, looking to some action on the part of the Government to put a stop to these unwarrantable acts of the English Government, and a special committee was appointed to consider and report upon the subject at the next meeting.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock on Thursday evening, a large fire occurred near the corner of Fulton and Gold streets, which destroyed property to the amount of over $250,000. It broke out in the Government cracker bakery of JOHN T. WILSON, and extending to the adjoining buildings, the fire soon consumed all that was combustible of six buildings on Fulton-street, two on Gold, and one on Beekman. Several others were more or less injured.

The colored people of Brooklyn held a grand jubilee at the Bridge-street M. E. Church last night. Addresses were made by Rev. J. H. GLOSSER, of Brooklyn; WM. WELLS BROWN, of Boston, (colored;) THEODORE TILTON, Esq., and Rev. R. HATFIELD, of New-York. The whole affair passed off very satisfactorily, not only to the colored portion of the auditory, but to the whites, large numbers of whom were present.

The funeral of Major GEORGE W. PETTIGREW, an officer of the Confederate army, who was wounded and captured at the battle of Fredericksburgh, and died in the Patent Office Hospital on Monday night, took place on Tuesday afternoon from Masonic Hall, corner of Ninth and D streets, and was attended by a large number of persons, including many ladies. His remains were deposited in the Congressional Cemetery, in a lot belonging to the Grand Lodge. On the day before his death, when all hope of his recovery had fled, he made a will bequeathing his property to his family, and also divulged the fact that he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He further expressed a desire that his remains should be interred with the customary honors of the Order. His dying requests were humanely and faithfully complied with.

At a meeting of the citizens of Leavenworth, Kansas, on the evening of Dec. 27, resolutions were unanimously adopted urging the President to promote Brig.-Gen. J. G. BLUNT to a Major-Generalship.

Gen. GRANT has issued an order for all Israelites in his department to leave. Consequently, there has been a general stampede. The order has been enforced in Paducah, causing great indignation among the Hebrew merchants.

The Directors of nearly all the City Banks in Philadelphia, as well as some of the public institutions, gave their clerks a New-Year's present in the shape of a percentage on their salaries.

No money has yet been received by the Collectors of the fishing towns in Massachusetts and Maine from the Secretary of the Treasury, for the settlement of the Cod Fishing Bounties, and it is thought that they will not be paid at present, as Government has now urgent need of all the money it can raise for the payment of its soldiers and other war expenditures.

A meeting of officers from railroad, insurance, bank and manufacturing corporations, was held on Wednesday at the Boston Clearing-house. ANDREW T. HALL, President of the Tremont Bank, was chosen Chairman, and HORACE WILLIAMS, Treasurer of the Boston and Worcester Railroad, Secretary. On motion it was voted, as the opinion of the meeting, that in all transfers of stock, the Excise stamp upon the certificates should be paid for by the purchaser.

The Court of Appeals have reversed the judgment under which JAMES SHEPHERD was sentenced to State Prison for life, upon a conviction for arson committed on the 9th of June, 1857. The case is one of considerable criminal interest, and a report of it will be found in the law column. At Chambers of the Supreme Court, Justice BARNARD, Mrs. MARY A. JAMES has obtained a judgment of divorce, a vinculo, against her husband, EDWIN JAMES, Esq., late of the English Bar.

The Stock Exchange was very much excited yesterday and prices advanced quite generally, including Government Securities. Gold rose to 134¾; Exchange to 147¾.

Breadstuffs and Cotton were more active and were dearer yesterday. Provisions were moderately dealt in, at essentially unaltered rates. Hay, Hops, and Whisky were in fair demand, the latter article at advanced prices. The Dry Goods market was decidedly brisker, and firmer for Domestic Cottons, which, during the past week, buyers purchased liberally, partly in speculation. The freight engagements were more extensive. Other branches of business presented no really new feature.

The President's Proclamation.

President LINCOLN'S proclamation, which we publish this morning, marks an era in the history, not only of this war, but of this country and the world. It is not necessary to assume that it will set free instantly the enslaved blacks of the South, in order to ascribe to it the greatest and most permanent importance. Whatever may be its immediate results, it changes entirely the relations of the National Government to the institution of Slavery. Hitherto Slavery has been under the protection of the Government; henceforth it is under its ban. The power of the Army and Navy, hitherto employed in hunting and returning to bondage the fugitive from service, are to be employed in maintaining his freedom whenever and wherever he may choose to assert it. This change of attitude is itself a revolution.

President LINCOLN takes care, by great precision in his language, to define the basis on which this action rests. He issues the Proclamation "as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing the rebellion." While he sincerely believes it to be an "act of justice warranted by the Constitution," he issues it "upon military necessity." In our judgment it is only upon that ground and for that purpose that he has any right to issue it at all. In his civil capacity as President, he has not the faintest shadow of authority to decree the emancipation of a single slave, either as an "act of justice" or for any other purpose whatever. As Commander-in-Chief of the army he has undoubtedly the right to *deprive the rebels of the aid of their slaves*,—just as he has the right to take their horses, and to arrest all persons who may be giving them aid and comfort,—"as a war measure" and upon grounds of military necessity.

It may seem at first sight a matter of small importance in what capacity the act is done. But its validity may, in the end, depend upon that very point. Sooner or later his action in this matter will come up for review before the Supreme Court; and it is a matter of the utmost importance to the President, to the slaves, and to the country, that it should come in a form to be sustained. It must be a legal and a constitutional act, in form as well as in substance. We wish that for this reason the President had given it the form of a *Military Order*,—addressed to his subordinate Generals, enjoining upon them specific acts in the performance of their military duties,—instead of a Proclamation addressed to the world at large, and embodying declarations and averments instead of commands.

What effect the Proclamation will have remains to be seen. We do not think that it will at once set free any considerable number of slaves beyond the actual and effective jurisdiction of our armies. It will lead to no immediate insurrections, and involve no massacres, except such as the rebels in the blindness of their wrath may themselves set on foot. The slaves have no arms, are without organization, and in dread of the armed and watchful whites. Besides, they evince no disposition to fight for themselves so long as they see that we are fighting for them. They understand, beyond all question, that the tendency of this war is to give them freedom, and that the Union armies, whatever may be their motive, are actually and practically fighting for their liberty. If the war should suddenly end,—if they should see the fighting stop, and the Constitution which protects Slavery restored to full vigor in the Slave States, their disappointment would vent itself in the wrathful explosion of insurrection and violence. But so long as the war continues, we look for nothing of that kind. Whenever our armies reach their immediate vicinity, they will doubtless assert their freedom, and call upon us to "recognize and maintain" it. Until then, they will work for their masters and wait for deliverance.

President LINCOLN "recommends" the enfranchised slaves, "in all cases, when allowed, to labor faithfully for reasonable wages." That great question, before the end is reached, will demand other treatment than this. If the President supposes that millions of men, who never made a bargain in their lives, who were never consulted on any subject affecting their own interest, who never made provision for their own support, or had the slightest charge connected with the maintenance of wives or children, and who have worked all their lives under the pressure of force and fear, can pass suddenly to the condition of free men,—recognizing at once all its responsibilities and performing all its duties,—he must believe that the age of miracles is not yet past. If the Proclamation makes the slaves actually free, there will come the further duty of making them work. That the whole negro race is to remain idle if it should *choose* so to do, being free, no one can seriously propose. If the slaves choose to "labor faithfully for reasonable wages"—very well:—they will establish their claim to freedom by the highest of titles, the ability to use and enjoy it. But if they do not, they must be compelled to do it,—not by brute force, nor by being owned like cattle, and denied every human right, but by just and equal laws,—such laws as in every community control and forbid vagrancy, mendicancy and all the shapes by which idle vagabondage preys upon industry and thrift.

But all this opens a vast and most difficult subject, with which we do not propose now to deal. In time, however, it will challenge universal attention, and demand for the solution of the problems which it involves the ablest and most patient statesmanship of the land.

Gen. Butler's Farewell.

Gen. BUTLER'S farewell address to the people of New-Orleans will command general attention. It is brief, forcible and patriotic. It breathes the spirit of conscious rectitude of purpose, and of substantial and triumphant success. By reference to results, Gen. BUTLER vindicates the general tenor of his rule, and no one who has followed carefully and dispassionately the history of his administration will question the truth of his claims.

It is quite natural that Gen. BUTLER should feel stung by the insults of the British Press. Nothing in the history of public injustice surpasses the reckless and savage ferocity with which he has been steadily assailed by the organs of British opinion. The *Saturday Review*, being the most pretentious and aristocratic of the tribe, has taken the lead in the coarseness and vehemence of its billingsgate, as well as in the ostentatious contempt for truth by which the whole crusade has been characterized. The *Times* has managed, as it always does, to make itself conspicuous in the onset, and the *Post*, *Herald* and lesser lights have been content, as usual, with echoing the howl which raged in the upper air. Gen. BUTLER'S famous "woman order" (No. 28) was the first provocative for all this abuse; and we are free to confess that its language was so far equivocal as to give natural occasion to the misconstructions put upon it. But the British Press persisted in these misrepresentations long after the General's disclaimer had removed all excuse for them,—long after the *practical* working of the order had stamped them with injustice and falsehood. They insisted that the order was intended to hand over every woman who should insult the National uniform, to the brutal license of the soldiers wearing it. And they assert, even to this day, that this has been its effect, in spite of the fact that not a solitary instance of the kind has occurred, and that Gen. BUTLER proclaimed his determination to punish, with the utmost severity, every instance of insult that might occur. And whatever Gen. BUTLER has done has been interpreted by the British Press in the light of their false construction of this order. John Bull has behaved, in this whole business, like a bull-dog—coarse, irrational, savage, utterly brutal by instinct, and careless of everything but the indulgence of his own ferocity. It is quite natural that Gen. BUTLER should feel like kicking him; and he does so very effectually (though perhaps with questionable taste) in the few sentences, contrasting the mildness of his own rule with the savage brutalities in which, at various periods of British history, English Generals and the English people have indulged.

Gen. BUTLER'S administration has, on the whole, been a decided success—the most decided and the most brilliant success of the war. He had to deal with the worst passions of the worst populace that ever cursed a great city. New-Orleans in its best estate has always been a disorderly, hardly-governed and unruly town. It was the metropolis of the gilded barbarism—the bowie-knife civilization of the South; and in the most peaceful times life was probably less secure and crime less restrained there than in any other city of the world. But when secession had made its reckless and triumphant mob absolutely drunk with license, there seemed to be an end of all restraint; passion, backed by craft and intensified by the bitterest hatred of national rule, asserted its complete ascendancy. It was with this volcano of rage and lust that Gen. BUTLER had to deal. He dealt with it sternly, but successfully. And the event proves that he has restored order, peace and quiet to the place with not one-tenth of the loss of life, and with ten times the success that would have attended a milder and less resolute rule.

Gen. BUTLER exhorts the people of New-Orleans to return to their allegiance to the Government of the United States. His words are full of justice and of sound sense. They ought to be heard and heeded. But whether they are or not, Gen. BUTLER has won for himself a high place among the marked characters of this eventful epoch.

MISSOURI AS A FREE STATE.—The prompt organization of the Missouri Legislature by the election of unconditional emancipationists to all offices, settles the question absolutely as to the early abolition of Slavery in the State. The mode will be rapid, not slow; for it is to be observed that there is no party, and no public men or newspapers in Missouri, that now oppose emancipation. Gov. GAMBLE, who may be taken as a fair representative of the extreme conservative element, declares in his message that he has long been convinced that the State of Missouri would be benefited by the substitution of free for slave labor. But he suggests a gradual emancipation, on the plan of declaring free all children of slave parents born after a year far in the future.

This slow death of Slavery does not suit the earnest Emancipationists of the State; and in the organization of the Legislature, the Moderates, who incline to Gov. GAMBLE'S views, were beaten by majorities so very decided as to leave no room for doubt how the legislation will go. Gov. GAMBLE may veto a radical emancipation measure, but a veto, under the Missouri State Constitution, is of little consequence. A bare majority in the two assemblies is sufficient to override it.

Not until Missouri is a Free State will it enter upon its true career of greatness. It owes now a public debt of $27,000,000, which is selling at fifty cents on the dollar, and dear at that. Emancipation will bring the bonds of the State to par at an early day, and make $27,000,000 for the State's creditors, now good as lost. If Missouri shall at the same time get $20,000,000 from the National Government for her slaves, emancipation will be as profitable to her as to her creditors. What Wall-street thinks of emancipation may be inferred from the fact that Missouri State Stocks advanced from ten to fourteen per cent. yesterday.

The State and the Union.

Gov. SEYMOUR was inaugurated yesterday. Aside from the general public interest belonging to the occasion, his political friends gathered in unusual numbers and gave special brilliancy to the ceremony. His inaugural address, as well as the words of welcome addressed to him by Gov. MORGAN, will be found in another column.

We deprecated the election of Gov. SEYMOUR, not on account of any distrust of his personal loyalty, and still less of any objection to his personal character, but on account of the relations of the party which nominated him to the General Government. At a time when we were struggling for the nation's life, it seemed to us desirable that the Government should have the hearty and undivided support of all our people. Gov. SEYMOUR was not nominated on such a basis. He was put forward as the special representative of the party of *discontent*. He became the candidate of the men whose predominant sentiment is that of dislike to our own Government,—hatred of the rebellion being a secondary and subordinate passion. They demanded the interposition of *State* authority to correct abuses, check excesses, and retard the energies of the General Government; and on this basis Gov. SEYMOUR became their candidate and was elected.

His inaugural address, and especially his hasty action in regard to the Police Commissioners, indicate a disposition on his part to serve, with over-zealous fidelity, the ultraists of the party which put him in power. He seems to have become a convert to the doctrine of State Rights in its extremest and most ultra form. The emergencies of the nation are of secondary consequence—his first duty is to assert the paramount sovereignty of the State of New-York.

We speak of these only as indications of his policy—not infallible by any means. We trust they will not be sustained by his subsequent acts. Our people unquestionably desire to preserve and protect the personal rights of all our citizens. But their first desire is to preserve the life of the nation; and if Gov. SEYMOUR believes that they are ready to subordinate this to any other purpose whatever, he will have occasion to correct his estimate of their character and patriotism.

His proceedings against the Police Commissioners are open to the suspicion of being a partisan trick. If a vacancy occurs in that office during the session of the Legislature, he can only fill it by consent of the Senate. If it occurs while the Legislature is not in session, he fills it by his own appointment. It has been alleged that his purpose in commencing these proceedings is to create a vacancy before Tuesday next, when the Legislature meets. We shall not give full credence to these imputations upon Gov. SEYMOUR'S character until events compel us to do so. The trick ascribed to him is quite worthy of some of the men who assume to be his special advisers; but we know of nothing in his past history which should render him open to the suspicion of becoming their tool.

The Battle in Tennessee.

The last day of the old year went out in quiet all over the great theatre of military operations, excepting in Middle Tennessee. But there, on that day, one of the greatest, and we judge it will prove to be the very greatest battle yet known in the Southwest, was fought. The only other Southwestern battle that equals it in the magnitude of the forces engaged, was the battle of Pittsburgh Landing—and that only on the second day, after the arrival of BUELL'S column. The army of Gen. ROSECRANS comprises the greater part of the magnificent force so long drilled and manœuvred by Gen. BUELL in Kentucky and Tennessee, and which was transferred to Gen. ROSECRANS after BUELL had failed, in Northern Kentucky, to destroy with it the same rebel army which it has now again met near Murfreesboro. The opposing rebel force is, next to the army at Fredericksburgh, the largest rebel army in the South. It was recently reviewed by JEFF. DAVIS; and in the account of the review published in the Chattanooga *Rebel*, the columns of Polk, Bragg, Hardee, Breckinridge, Cheatham and others were mentioned as being present. The whole, we believe, was under the immediate command of Gen. BRAGG, who handled the same army during the campaign in Kentucky. For, although Gen. JOSEPH JOHNSTON is the Commander of the Department, it was said when he took command that he was only to be a sort of closet strategist or Generalissimo, and not to lead in the field. We judge it would be a fair estimate to put each of the armies at at least eighty thousand men.

It was on Friday of last week that ROSECRANS moved out from Nashville to attack the rebel army. By next day, he was in the vicinity of Murfreesboro' and had some sharp skirmishing. He remained quiet on Sunday, but on Monday morning, his army, divided into three bodies, moved by different roads upon the enemy's position. On Tuesday he occupied the city, the rebels retiring some distance South, though not, we judge, as far as Tullahoma, as is asserted in one of the dispatches. He came up with the enemy's main body on Wednesday, and gave it battle.

Concerning the engagement of that day, we have a dispatch from Gen. BOYLE, which comes from Murfreesboro on New-Year's Day, asserting that the battle had been a terrible one, and that the losses were reported to be enormous, but that things looked favorable for our side. Another dispatch, dated on the afternoon of the battle, said that the enemy had been driven a mile, that his intrenchments were in our hands, and that we were then advancing our whole line. But the reports are as yet extremely meagre and unsatisfactory, and for what we know of the further progress of operations, we shall have to refer our readers to the telegraphic columns, where will be found everything received up to the moment of going to press.

Gov. KOSSUTH.—Two nephews of the distinguished Hungarian, Gov. KOSSUTH, who have been serving in the Army of Italy for the last two years, have just arrived in this City—intending to offer their services in any capacity to the Government of the United States in its contest with the rebellion. They are sons of Madame ZULAOSKI, whose decease a year ago was noticed generally by the Press. A son of Madame RUTTKAY, another sister of the Ex-Governor, has also entered our service. We are glad to learn, by the most recent arrivals, that the rumors of Gov. KOSSUTH'S ill health were without foundation. He is in excellent health and spirits.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

Inauguration of Gov. Seymour.

Gov. Morgan's Farewell Address and Gov. Seymour's Inaugural.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 1, 1863.

The inauguration of Gov. SEYMOUR took place in the Assembly Chamber of the State Capitol to-day at 11 o'clock, in presence of a large and distinguished assemblage. Many of the Seymour Clubs, and other Democratic organizations from different parts of the State, were represented, and a number of the leading representatives of the party were present. The crowd filled the Chamber and the rotunda of the Capitol, and covered the park in front of the building. Among the delegated bodies in attendance was a committee from the Young Men's Democratic Union Association, of New-York City, consisting of Messrs. William E. Frost, M. L. Harris, William C. Rhodes, Benjamin Rae, Daniel Young, L. B. Bradford, J. D. Hunt, Gideon J. Tucker and John McKeon. So large a gathering has not been witnessed at the inauguration of a Governor of this State for many years.

The oath of office was administered to Gov. SEYMOUR and Lieut.-Gov. JONES by Secretary of State BRIGGS, and when the requirements of the Constitution had been complied with, Gov. MORGAN, who appeared at the Speaker's desk in company with Gov. SEYMOUR, spoke as follows:

GOV. MORGAN'S ADDRESS.

Gov. SEYMOUR—The oath you have just taken fulfils the requirements of the Constitution and laws, and again formally invests you with the high office of Governor of the State of New-York. As such I now greet you, and tender to your Administration all the support which a private citizen can give.

Confiding in your ability and patriotism, the people of this, your native State, have called you to the discharge of duties second only in importance to those of the Chief Magistracy of the United States.

A change of Administration here has never taken place at a period so crowded with vital events as now. Fortunately the duties are not new to you, and though of the gravest character and of the most perplexing nature, yet in their conscientious discharge you will have the approbation of all good men. Herein will be your reward.

In closing an administration of four years' duration, in the midst of a civil war, in which I have found it necessary to assume more than ordinary responsibilities, I should have felt a satisfaction in speaking in detail, especially in reference to military affairs, but as usage has not sanctioned this, the chiefs of the several Staff Departments have been directed to make full reports for use. To these I refer for specific information as to the part New-York has borne in the war.

As, however, you will be scrupulously careful in relation to whatever concerns the honor or the interest of the State, I know it will be gratifying for you to be assured that its credit never stood higher; that its funded debt is rapidly diminishing; that its principal and interest have been promptly paid in coin; that the public funds are adequate for every proper demand on them; that the surplus revenues of the canals have increased from $900,000 in 1856, to $4,000,000 in 1862, and that taxation may be largely reduced the present year, and this when scarcely less than a quarter of a million of our people are voluntarily engaged in the military service of the country. Of such a State, and with such a record, we may well be proud. Would that I could speak thus encouragingly of National affairs; but we may not anticipate immediate peace. Millions of people, aroused by imaginary wrongs to fierce passion, cannot at once return to reason. Their resentments must have time to cool, and the delusion under which they act to be dissipated. But the day must surely come when the people of the South will again own the same sovereignty, honor the same laws, and fight under the same flag. At present, we must use the sword; it cannot be sheathed until those in rebellion shall lay down their arms, and the Constitution and the laws have uniform sway.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOV. SEYMOUR.

Gov. SYRACUSE thanked Gov. MORGAN for the kind expression of his good wishes, and congratulated him on the able close of his administration.

Gov. SEYMOUR then said:

"I have solemnly sworn to support the Constitution of the United States with all its grants, restrictions and guarantees, and I shall support it.

I have also sworn to support the Constitution of the State of New-York, with all its powers and rights, and I shall uphold it.

I have sworn to support the duties of the office of Governor of the State, and with your aid they shall be faithfully performed.

These constitutions and laws are meant for the guidance of our official conduct, and for your protection and welfare.

The first law recorded for my observance is that declaring that "it shall be the duty of the Governor to maintain and defend the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the State."

The next strict injunction of the Constitution is that the Governor shall take care that the laws "are faithfully executed," and so help me God, they shall be.

He would not dwell, on the present occasion, on our National affairs.

Our position as a State has been heavily alluded to by my predecessor. My views on the subject will be laid before the Legislature. While knowing that his position gave him but little control over national affairs, he (SEYMOUR) yet ventured to trust that before the end of his term of service the country would be again great, glorious, and united, as it once was.

Amusements.

GERMAN OPERA.—The charming opera, "Jolanthe of Paris"—received so favorably on the occasion of its production—will be repeated to-night—the 60th of Mr. ANDERSON'S season. It is admirably given in all respects, and displays the best capabilities of the company.

IRVING HALL.—The splendid military band of the Twenty-second Regiment, under the direction of Mr. HERMANSLIEB, will give its second concert to-night, assisted by several well-known artists.

MR. MASON JONES ON GARIBALDI, TO-NIGHT.—At the Academy of Music this evening, Mr. MASON JONES delivers an oration on GARIBALDI, in which he will detail his reminiscences of four months' sojourn with GARIBALDI in Italy. Mr. JONES accompanied the Italian patriot from Sicily, and with him entered Naples. Hence his recital of GARIBALDI'S many personal peculiar interest.

EMANCIPATION.

President Lincoln's Proclamation.

The Slaves in Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina Declared to be Free.

Parts of Louisiana and Virginia Excepted.

The Negroes to be Received into the Armed Service of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 1, 1863.

By the President of the United States of America—a Proclamation:

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a Proclamation was issued by the President of the United States containing among other things the following, to wit:

That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall there be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforth, and *forever free*; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval authority thereof will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons or any of them in any effort they may make for their actual freedom. That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by Proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people therein, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any State or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by Members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and Government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the day of the first above-mentioned order, and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

ARKANSAS, TEXAS, LOUISIANA—except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plequemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of *New-Orleans*—MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA and VIRGINIA—except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And, by virture of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do aver and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward, shall be FREE, and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free, to abstain from all violence unless in necessary self-defence, and I recommend to them that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States, to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And, upon this—sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution—upon military necessity—I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seven.

(SEAL.) (Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President, WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 2.

This route will be opened for through travel and freight by Tuesday next, the 6th inst. Gens. SIGEWICK and KELLY are confident that their forces will be able, without difficulty, to protect the road permanently. The track is already repaired for entire length from Baltimore to Wheeling and Parkersburg, and the maintaining of this great thoroughfare undisturbed will be of incalculable advantage to Government and commercial interests.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Arrival of General Butler and Staff.

His Views on the Conduct of the War.

The West Virginia Bill Signed by the President.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

THE ARRIVAL OF GEN. BUTLER.

The arrival of *Gen. BUTLER* this evening, accompanied by Col. SHAWES and other members of his Staff, caused a very decided sensation, and his rooms at the National Hotel were immediately besieged by numbers of people anxious to see and hear the man who succored Washington, captured Baltimore, and evangelized New-Orleans. He was visible to very few, however, as his duty called him early in the evening to wait on President LINCOLN at the White-House. Gen. BUTLER seems in excellent health, and is apparently all the better for the severe labors of his late command. He is entirely uninformed of the intentions of the Government as regards himself, but says that, on the arrival of Gen. BANKS at New-Orleans as his successor, he was convinced that he was not wanted there, and he thought he would come to Washington. It is needless to say that he is ready and anxious to serve his country, in whatever way his labors can be made most useful.

The intimations which have reached the public occasionally, in regard to the Anti-Slavery convictions of Gen. BUTLER, have done him no injustice. He is satisfied, he says, that in *this* war the whole property of the South is against the Government; that it is a revolt of the upper classes against the people; that so long as these upper classes retain their property, it will be used to aid the rebellion. It is a war of three hundred thousand property holders against the Union, or even less than this number, for they are not all fools. In depriving these class rebels of their property in slaves, they, of course, are weakened. The rich slaveholders must be extinguished as a class. He does not say "exterminated," but "extinguished." Their property must change owners. This done, they may go to Mexico, or to Cuba, or stay here, as they choose, for they will then be harmless. His expressions are equally strong in affirming the sincere loyalty of the poorer classes. Entertaining these opinions, he confesses to some chagrin on reading Gen. BANKS' disclaimer, in his proclamation, of any designs against Slavery; and had almost feared that in giving frank expression to his own views in his farewell address, he had gone counter to the policy of the rulers from whose councils Gen. BANKS had so lately come.

Gen. BUTLER's interview with the President was prolonged till a late hour, and took place in the presence of Secretary SEWARD and Senator BROWNING, the former being sent for on the General's arrival.

THE TENNESSEE BATTLE.

The city is filled with rumors in regard to the late battle in Tennessee—some favorable and some adverse. The latest dispatches known to the President, at 6 o'clock, were an indication of the success of ROSECRANS and his gallant army.

WEST VIRGINIA A STATE.

The President signed the West Virginia bill yesterday morning. It has still to be ratified by a Convention of the new State before being put in force. In case it shall be thus ratified, it is not yet known what will be the effect upon the present State Government of Virginia,—whether the State officers and Senators will resign their positions, or whether the Governor and members of the Legislature resident outside the new State, only seven in number, will remove to Alexandria and continue their functions.

THE FINANCE SCHEMES.

The Ways and Means Committee met to-day, and considered the several measures requiring its action. Only a quorum being here, no final action has yet been taken on the schemes of finance.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

All the Naval, Indian and Miscellaneous Appropriation bills will be ready for the House on Monday, together with a bill remedying defects in the Tax law.

THE PORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

Testimony of Gen. McClellan, for the Defense.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

There was a crowded attendance at the Porter Court-Martial, to-day, including privileged ladies, all anxious to see McClellan and hear his testimony in favor of Gen. Porter. At the request of Gen. Porter, the Court adjourned temporarily to the sick-room of Col. E. G. Marshall, of the Thirteenth New-York Volunteers, who was wounded at Fredericksburgh, and unable to leave his room. Col. Marshall corroborated the evidence already given, that Porter had a large force of the enemy in his front, on August 29, and could not safely leave to obey Pope's order to attack the enemy's right. Col. Marshall also testified that the roads were obstructed or in possession of the enemy, and the direct route to the enemy's right impracticable, so that Porter could not carry out Pope's order. Col. Marshall estimated the enemy in front of Porter as more numerous than Porter's forces. Col. Marshall, though unable to leave his bed, gave his testimony in a straightforward, prompt, decisive manner, very favorable to Porter. The Court then returned to its own room.

Maj.-Gen. George B. McClellan, sworn, testified for the defence:

I commanded the Army of the Potomac from immediately after Bull Run up to about the end of August, 1862. Have forgotten the exact date. Gen. Porter served in that army, first as commander of a division, and then as commander of a corps, from about the end of April to the beginning of May, 1862. The army reached Aquia Creek in detachments during the latter part of August. Immediately after the commencement of the movement to evacuate Harrison's Bar, Gen. Porter was instructed to move his corps to the vicinity of Williamsburgh, holding the position in front of it, so as to be able to support either wing of the army if attacked. While there he received information from contrabands and intercepted letters, showing that the rebel troops at Richmond were moving rapidly upon Gen. Pope's command. Immediately, without waiting instructions from me, Gen. Porter moved his command with the utmost rapidity to Newport's News, and embarked it, and while at Newport's News used every effort to facilitate the embarkation of his command for Aquia Creek. He knew that the object of that movement on his part was to go as quick as possible to join Gen. Pope. I think he embarked on the 30th of August. I am positive of it from an examination of this paper.

A. G. M. OSTROM, Ft. MONROE, Va., Aug. 22—11 A. M.

Please put off your troops without one moment's delay. The necessity is very pressing—a matter of life and death. Report what progress is made, and when will you be through. See me before you sail.

G. B. McCLELLAN.

To Maj.-Gen. F. J. Porter.

That order was executed by him to my satisfaction entirely. His first movement to Newport's News was departing from the letter of my instructions. I should say in explanation that Porter sent me a dispatch stating that he should go at a certain hour, if I did not object. By some delay of the telegraph, I did not receive this dispatch until after he started, but I fully approved of his course. The effect of that movement was very decidedly to expedite his arrival at Aquia Creek at least one day, if not more. I saw him next at Aquia Creek. I think he was twenty-four to thirty-six hours between there and Falmouth. Did not see him after he left Falmouth. From what I saw of his conduct, and from what I heard from him after he knew he was to go to the assistance of Gen. Pope, I think he did all a zealous, energetic and patriotic officer should have done. At any time after he received notice that he was to go to the assistance of Gen. Pope, I had no reason whatever to suppose that he would fail Pope or his country in the discharge of his duties.

Gen. McClellan identified Porter's dispatches to Burnside, already in evidence.

I did not receive the impression from those telegrams that Gen. Porter would not be true to Gen. Pope.

Gen. McClellan identified a dispatch sent by him to Gen. Porter, requesting Porter to give Pope full support. This dispatch, it will be recollected, is dated Sept. 1, after alleged disobedience of Pope's orders by Porter, already published.

Q.—As you have stated, Gen. McClellan, that you never entertained a doubt that Gen. Porter would be true to Gen. Pope, how came you to send him such a dispatch as that?

A.—I sent that in accordance with the request of the President of the United States, who sent for me that day and told me he had understood that there was an unkind feeling on the part of the Army of the Potomac toward Gen. Pope, and requested me to use my personal influence to correct it, by telegraphing through to Gen. Porter, or to any other of my friends there. I told him that I did not consider it necessary, but was perfectly willing to do it. I had no doubt, then, in my own mind, that the Army of the Potomac and all connected with it would do their duty without any such action on my part.

Q.—I understand you to say you sent that telegram to quiet the apprehensions of the President—not apprehensions of your own?

A.—Entirely so, Sir.

To Judge-Advocate Holt—On the morning that die patch is dated I was placed in command of the defences of Washington. I was placed in command that morning by a verbal order. The order for Gen. Pope to fall back to the defences of Washington did not emanate from me, but my recollection is, that it was sent at a very early hour of the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 2. I was directed not to assume command over the active troops commanded by Gen. Pope until they reached the immediate vicinity of the defences of Washington. I was expressly excluded from all control over them until that time.

To the Court—I cannot give the exact date when the order came directing Gen. Porter to join Pope's command. The order came direct from Gen. Halleck, and had been received by Gen. Porter when I reached Aquia Creek.

Question by the Court—Are your own feelings toward Gen. Pope of a friendly character?

A.—My acquaintance with Gen. Pope——

This question was objected to by the Court, and withdrawn.

Q.—When the accused was making his efforts to leave the Peninsula, did he know that he was to be placed under the command of Gen. Pope?

A.—No. It was only known that the Army of the Potomac was to move to Aquia, to reinforce and assist the Army of Virginia. The question of command had not been decided, so far as I know.

John Tucker, who was Assistant Secretary of war in Aug. 16th, 1862, testified to the activity and zealous aid of Gen. Porter in embarking his command at Old Point Comfort. Witness did not see anything in Porter's conduct, or hear anything in his language, giving any indication that he would fail to do his whole duty in cooperating with and supporting Gen. Pope. Witness did not know whether Porter knew at the time referred to that he was to be placed under command of Pope.

Lieut. Gen. T. Ingham, of Gen. Sykes' Staff, testified that the order brought by Capt. Pope from Gen. Pope to Porter, on Aug. 29, directing Porter to attack the enemy's right, was delivered to Porter by Capt. Pope about sunset. The purpose of this was to show that Porter received the order too late to be obeyed that night.

Mr. Eames, one of Porter's counsel, now moved that the telegrams of Porter to Burnside, published in the TIMES of Dec. 20, and not admitted as evidence, be now admitted, it being proven that they were part of a series of official acts. After discussion, Mr. Holt withdrew his objections, and the Court reversed its former decisions.

THE MISSISSIPPI EXPEDITION.

Gen. Sherman's Flotilla up the Yazoo—Engagement with a Rebel Battery—Sherman's Force to March to Vicksburgh, &c.

CAIRO, Friday, Jan. 2.

A steamer from below reports that the gunboats accompanying Gen. SHERMAN's Expedition have gone up the Yazoo River. At Drumingor's Bluff, twenty miles above the mouth, a rebel battery was discovered. A severe cannonade followed, during which the gunboat *Benton* was struck sixteen times, the shots penetrating.

Gen. SHERMAN's force will debark up the Yazoo, and march to near Vicksburgh.

A train, with supplies, would leave Memphis yesterday for Holly Springs.

When Island No. 10 was evacuated lately, sixty-nine cannon were spiked, and 10,000 rounds of ammunition thrown into the river.

JEFFERSON DAVIS addressed the Mississippi Legislature at Jackson on the 26th ult.

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Pearl Starched Sheets to the best and most economical, for laundry and family use, being particularly adapted for flannels and all kinds of woolen goods. Manufactured and for sale by E. MORGAN'S SONS, No. 321 Washington-st., and No. 449 West-st. Also FAMILY PALE, and No. 1 Soaps.

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MARRIED.

CONVERSE—COLES.—In this City, on the 29th December, at Grace Church, by Rev. Dr. TAYLOR, Rev. GEO. S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James' Church, Roxbury, Mass., to ELLA, daughter of the late Isaac U. Coles, Esq., of this City.

FORD—HOWE.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Central M. E. Church, by Rev. Alfred Cookman, H. S. FORD, of Danbury, Conn., to Miss EMMA, only daughter of S. D. Howe, Esq., of this City.

HALL—CHANFRAU.—In Hoboken, on New-Year's Day, at Trinity Church, by the Rector, Rev. N. Bayard Harris, THOS. H. HALL to LOUISE, eldest daughter of F. V. Chanfrau, Esq., all of Hoboken.

MACDONALD—GOLD.—In Rochester, on Monday, Dec. 29, by Rev. Mr. Foote, HENRY J. MCDONALD to CAROLINE E. GOLD, both of this City.

MIRES—SAMUEL.—On Thursday, Jan. 1, by Rev. Dr. I. Gerhon, CHAS. J. MIRES to Miss KATE SAMUEL, of Hoboken, N. J. No cards.

MOTT—GILDERSLEEVE.—In this City, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Samuel Knapp, WM. EDGAR MOTT, of Manhasset, L. I., to AMELIA GILDERSLEEVE, of this City.

SMITH—LAWYER.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. S. M. Isaacs, Mr. J. E. SMITH, of Chicago, Ill., to SARA, only daughter of Dr. Levett, of this City.

DIED.

BEAK.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, after a short illness, of pleurisy, ALBERT L. BEAK, of the firm Doubleday and Beak, in the 40th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the Broadway Tabernacle, corner 34th-st. and 6th-av., on Saturday morning, Jan. 3, at 10 o'clock, without further invitation.

BURDEN.—In this City, on Thursday, Jan. 1, MARIETTA BURDEN, infant daughter of Henry and Levinia A. Burden, aged 2 months and 1 day.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 241 East 31st-st., this (Saturday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

BOWNES.—At Yonkers, on New-Year's morning, of membranous croup, ELOISE, youngest child of Henry Bowers, aged 2 years and 9 months.

Funeral services at the residence of her father, Palisade-av., Yonkers, Saturday morning, Jan. 3, at 10 o'clock. Train leaves Chambers-st., at 8. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CHALMERS.—In this City, on Thursday, morning, Jan. 1, JAMES G., youngest child of James G. and Isabel S. Chalmers, aged 1 year 7 months and 29 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 336 West 22d-st., on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

DAVIS.—At Falmouth, Va., Sunday, Dec. 21, Corp. HOWLAND W. DAVIS, only son of Elias and the late Rev. Samuel C. Davis, aged 21 years 8 months and 4 days.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

FINK.—On Wednesday, Dec. 31, ELEANOR A., daughter of Ernest Fink, aged 22 years.

FOLGER.—At Buffalo, Jan. 1, Mrs. B. H. FOLGER, aged 65 years.

CLARK.—In Brooklyn, E. D., Jan. 1, of diphtheria, EUPHEMIA FOX, daughter of Lewis and MARY H. CLARK, aged 5 years and 11 days.

Her remains will be taken to Sing Sing.

GERMAN.—In Jersey City, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1862, of inflammation of the lungs, CHARLES SAMUEL, son of William and Elizabeth O. German, aged 1 year and 16 days.

GRAY.—In Georgetown, D. C., at the Seminary Hospital, on New-Year's morning, First Lieut. W. C. BENAIRE GRAY, Fourth New-York Artillery, aged 25 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his father, No. 49 West 38th-st.

HOLDEN.—In Bergen, N. J., on New-Year's night, of scarlet fever, BENJAMIN MARIA, youngest child of David L. and ANN MARIA HOLDEN, aged 2 years and 9 months.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 11 o'clock A. M.

GARDNER.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, JACOB HARDER, M. D.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 73 5th-st., on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 1 o'clock P. M. The services will be at St. Bartholomew's Church, La Fayette-place, corner of Great Jones-st., at 1½ o'clock P. M.

KIDDIE.—At Aquia Creek, Va., on Saturday, Dec. 27, JOHN T. KIDDIE, of Co. B, Thirteenth Regiment New-Jersey Volunteers, aged 20 years, 11 months and 10 days.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his father, Rev. Dr. Lacy, No. 24 Tompkins-st., Williamsburgh, on Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. His remains will be taken to New-Brunswick, N. J., on Monday, on the 12 o'clock (noon) train, for interment.

WILLIAMS.—In Elizabeth, N. J., JOHN H. WILLIAMS, aged 23 years, son of George H. Williams, of this City.

His relatives and friends and those of his father-in-law, Mr. A. G. Cram, are invited to attend his funeral on Monday next, at 11½ o'clock, from the residence of his father-in-law, No. 195 West Jersey-st., Elizabeth, N. J., without further notice.

The Boston Commercial will please copy.

WHITEHEAD.—In West-de-Lee, Wis., Dec. 19, in the 30th year of her age, CORNELIA F. BURRAS, wife of John C. Whitehead, formerly of this City.

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ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

NOTICE.—THE UNDERSIGNED, RECEIVER IN the action of Morris Ketchum vs. The Scioto and Hocking Valley Railroad Company, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Perry and State of Ohio, hereby gives notice to the holders of the past due coupons on the bonds issued by said Company, and secured by a mortgage to said Morris Ketchum, that at the October Term, A. D. 1862, of said Court, an order was entered in the above-named action, requiring the holders of said past due coupons on said bonds to present the same to said Receiver, with evidence of their being held bona fide, on or before the 1st day of February next, and that on such presentation said Receiver shall hear and determine all questions as to the validity of the coupons so presented and so filed, under the Trust Fund in said action, and that he shall report his decision thereon, and the evidence on which the same is founded, to the next Term of said Court; and further, that all coupons that pass the ordeal which shall not be presented to said Receiver within the time aforesaid, shall be barred, and precluded from participating in the Trust Fund in said case.

And the undersigned further gives notice that he will attend at his office, in the City of Portsmouth, in the State of Ohio, from the date hereof until, and including said 1st day of February, for the purpose of hearing and determining all questions touching the validity of all coupons of the class aforesaid that may be presented to him under said order.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1862.

J. W. WEBB, Receiver.

PROPOSALS FOR $175,000 LOAN TO THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY, STATE OF MINNESOTA.—Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at the office of F. M. MYERS & CO., New-York City, until SATURDAY, Jan. 10, 1863, for the whole or part of $175,000 ten years' per cent. Bonds of Ramsey County, Minnesota.

These Bonds are issued in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, passed Sept. 26, 1862, to fund the indebtedness of the county, and a special tax has been levied to pay the interest, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the principal.

The Bonds will be issued in sums of $1,000 each, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually in the City of New-York, where the principal also will be paid.

Proposals should be indorsed "Bids for Ramsey County Loan," and addressed to the undersigned, care of Messrs. F. M. Myers & Co., to whom application may be made for further information in regard to the resources and finances of the county.

HENRY HALE,
Commissioner for Ramsey County.

FOR SALE—AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICE.

U. S. 1861 6 per cent. Bonds.
1671 5 per cent. Bonds.
1034 5 per cent. Bonds.
5:20 6 per cent. Bonds.
7:30 6 per cent. Treasury Notes.
1 year 6 per cent. Certificates.
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LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO.,
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No. 34 Wall-st.
Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on Commission.

State of Illinois, Treasurer's Office,
Springfield, Dec. 5, 1862.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Treasurer of the State of Illinois will, on and after the first Monday of January, 1863, until the 4th day of February, 1863, be ready at the American Exchange Bank, New-York, to pay the interest maturing on the first Monday of January, 1863, on the public debt of the State of Illinois.

The interest then due and not called for prior to the 4th day of February, 1863, will thereafter be paid only at the office of the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, in the City of Springfield, Illinois.

WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

Holders of Illinois and Michigan Canal Bonds, where coupons are exhausted, are required to present the Bonds.
WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

Bank Department, Albany, Dec. 29, 1862.

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK (Greenwich) has this day filed, in this office, a notice of the appointment of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy, in the city of Troy, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, together with a recognition of the appointment of the Commercial Bank of Troy as such agent, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate Banking Associations and Individual Bankers,' passed April 17, 1861."

HENRY H. VAN DYCK, Superintendent.

HOLDERS OF TRUSTEES' CERTIFICATES, issued for First Mortgage Bonds of the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, can receive therefor the Securities of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, in accordance with the terms of the Bondholders' agreement, as altered, modified and amended, upon surrender of the certificates to the undersigned, Chairman of Trustees of Assented Creditors of the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, at Room No. 1, No. 25 William-st.
L. S. MEYER, Chairman.
New-York, Dec. 29, 1862.

Agency of St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad Company, New-York, Dec. 24, 1862.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of this Company, due 1st January, 1863, also the Coupons of such Bonds due 1st April, 1863, from three months' interest at six per cent. on the holders, and the Coupons of the Second Mortgage Bonds, due on the 1st January, 1863, will be paid at the Bank of North America on and after the 24 ult.

For Executive Committee, ROBERT BAYARD.

Office Receiver Ins. Bank Co., No. 36 Wall-st.,
New-York, Dec. 29, 1862.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Company, to fill the places of those whose term of service will then expire, will be held at the office, No. 70 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1863, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
JOHN S. RAVLAND, Secretary.

Office of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Co., Chicago, Dec. 18, 1862.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—AT THE meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held on the 17th inst., it was
Resolved, That the time for exchanging the First Mortgage Bonds of this Company to and the same is hereby limited to the first day of April, 1863.
W. E. LARRABEE, Secretary.

New-York and Harlem Railroad Company,
Treasurer's Office, Cor. 4th-av. and 27th-st.,
New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

COUPONS OF THE THIRD MORTGAGE Bonds will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1863, at the Treasurer's Office.
W. H. EMERSON, Treasurer.

HOUSATONIC RAILROAD BONDS AND Coupons due Jan. 1, 1863, will be paid on presentation after that date, at the office of
KETCHUM, SON & CO., No. 40 Exchange-place.

COUPONS, COUPONS.—CALIFORNIA STATE and San Francisco City Coupons bought and collected at best rates by WILLIAM T. COLEMAN & CO., Nos. 141 Pearl and 10 Wall-st.

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STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
No. 52 Wall-st.

Office of M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 64 Exchange-pl.,
New-York, Dec. 24, 1862.

COUPONS OF JOLIET AND CHICAGO Railroad First Mortgage Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1863, will be paid on presentation, on and after Jan. 2d proximo, at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & CO., No. 64 Exchange-place, New-York.
T. B. BLACKSTONE, President.

U. S. SECURITIES OF ALL ISSUES, American Gold, Demand Notes, for duties, purchased and always on hand, for sale by
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Merchants' Bank in the City of New-York,
Dec. 31, 1862.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Bank will be held on THURSDAY, Jan. 12, 1863, at the banking-house.
Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock.
J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1862.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, 1863.
The transfer books will be closed from the 3d to the 15th of January.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

Office of the Humboldt Fire Insurance Company,
No. 15 Wall-st.,
New-York, Dec. 27, 1862.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at this Office, on MONDAY, the 12th day of January next. The polls will be open between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
ALEX. WILEY, Jr., Sec'y.

AN ELECTION OF FIVE TRUSTEES of the New-York Balance Dock Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 128 Pearl-st., in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., on the second WEDNESDAY of January next.
JAS. B. NICHOLSON, Secretary.
Dated New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

BROOKLYN CENTRAL AND JAMAICA Railroad Company Bonds, due Nov. 15, 1863, will be redeemed at 102 per cent., and accrued interest, on presentation at the office of A. C. JEROME & CO., No. 20 Exchange-place.

COUPONS OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—Coupons S, B, M and E11, of the City of San Francisco, due Jan. 1, will be paid on and after the 2d January, in gold coin, by
WM. T. COLEMAN & CO., No. 70 Wall-st.

STOCKS, BONDS, GOLD AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
Bought and sold at Board of Brokers,
By A. G. HEMINWAY & CO.,
No. 60 Exchange-place.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY INTEREST ON BONDS.—The coupons due 1st of January, 1863, on the Bonds of this Company, will be paid, after that day, at the Bank of the State of New-York, New-York.
WM. S. S. RUSSELL, Treasurer.
Hunter's Point, Dec. 30, 1862.

MARKET BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1863.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on MONDAY, the 12th instant, from 12 to 1 o'clock. The transfer books will be closed until the date.
R. BAYLES, Cashier.

DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.—An election for four Directors of said Company will be held at the Company's office, in Dubuque, on MONDAY, Feb. 2, 1863.
JAMES M. McKINLAY, Secretary.

$200,000 TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE at six per cent., in sums of $10,000 and upwards, on first class City property.
ROMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

SUN MUTUAL INSURANCE SCRIP OF 1862, the new issue, wanted by WM. C. GILMAN & SON, 59 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—ATLANTIC SAVINGS Bank, Chatham-square, New-York, Jan. 1, 1863.—Notice is hereby given that a dividend of six per Cent. per annum on deposits of $100 and under, and of Five, per Cent. on larger sums, which have been deposited three or six months prior to this date, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 19, 1863.
MOSES D. VAN PELT, President.
CHAS. D. BAILEY, Treasurer.
J. F. Cooper, Secretary.

Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad, Treasurer's Office, Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1862.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—STOCKHOLDERS ARE hereby notified that a cash Dividend of Three per Cent., free of Government tax, has been declared payable on and after the 10th of January, 1863, when the transfer books will be closed from the 1st of January next to the day of payment. Stockholders whose stock is registered in New-York will receive their Dividends at the People's Bank, No. 206 Canal-st., in that City.
(Signed,) F. R. HUNGERFORD, Treasurer.

Office of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company,
New-York, Dec. 1, 1862.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Three and a Half per Cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after FRIDAY, the 19th of December instant.

The transfer books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 16th inst.

By order of the Board,
ISAAC N. BEYMOUR, Treasurer.

157TH DIVIDEND—BANK OF NEW-YORK.—The Board of Directors of the Bank of New-York have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. (3½) upon the capital stock, (free from Government tax,) payable on and after the 2d day of January, 1863. The Transfer Books will be closed until the 2d of January.
WM. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

Broadway Bank,
New-York, Dec. 30, 1862.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—A SEMIannual Dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free from Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank on and after the 2d day of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until the day of payment. By order of the Board,
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

People's Bank for the City of New-York,
New-York, Dec. 22, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of Three and One-half (3½) Per Cent. on the Capital Stock, free from Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

Mechanics' and Traders' Bank,
New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of Three and a-half (3½) per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after January 6.
E. F. VALL, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

Office of the Fulton Fire Insurance Company,
No. 128 Pearl-st.,
New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per Cent. and of the earnings of the Road, for the three months ending the 31st inst., and One (1) per Cent. additional out of the earnings of steamers, sailing vessels, &c., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 15th of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 7th of January next, inclusive, and reopened on the morning of the 16th January.
HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN BANK.—NO. 685 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1862.—DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of the Metropolitan Bank have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) per Cent. (free from Government tax,) payable on MONDAY, 5th of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 27 until Jan. 5.
GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

Office of the Harmony Fire Marine Insurance Company, No. 60 Wall-st.,
New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.

NINETEENTH DIVIDEND.—THE PRESIdent and Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
DANIEL D. GASSNER, Secretary.

THE PARK BANK.—NEW-YORK, DEC. 23, 1862.—The Directors of this Bank have THIS DAY declared the usual semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) Per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 2d of January, inclusive.
CHARLES A. MACY, Cashier, per DETZE.

Mechanics' & Traders' Bank,
Jersey City, Dec. 29, 1862.

19TH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIdend of four (4) per cent., free of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders on and after Monday the 5th day of January next.
By order of the Board.
J. S. POZ, Cashier.

New-York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, Office, No. 2 Dey-st.,
New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a Dividend of Four per Cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable at the office of Messrs. Morgan's Sons, on FRIDAY, the 2d January, and the transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 2d proximo.
JAMES J. DAY, President.

57TH DIVIDEND.—THE BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

have declared their usual semi-annual Dividend of TEN (10) PER CENT.

out of the profits for the last six months, (free from Government tax,) payable on demand, after the 10th inst.
Dec. 19, 1862. WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 86 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.—Twenty-third Dividend.—The Board of Directors have this day declared the usual Seven Per Cent. Dividend, free of Government tax, payable on demand.
WM. A. BURTIS, Jr., Secretary.

CHATHAM BANK DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND of Three per Cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, until which date the transfer books will be closed.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.
New-York, Dec. 27, 1862.

Manufacturers' Bank, Brooklyn, Dec. 30, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) per Cent., free from Government tax, has been declared, payable on demand.
C. T. DISBROW, Cashier.

Merchants' Exchange Bank in the City of New-York, Dec. 30, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five Per Cent. on the capital of this Bank has been declared, free from Government tax, payable on and after 2d day of January next. By order,
E. P. OAKLEY, Cashier.

Bank of North America, New-York, Dec. 30, 1862.

DIVIDEND NO. 23.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Three and a Half (3½) per Cent. (free of Government tax,) payable on and after Jan. 6. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 3 to Jan. 6.
JOHN F. YELVERTON, Cashier.

Park Fire Insurance Company,
New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) per Cent. (free from Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on demand.
WM. JAFFRAY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will pay the semi-annual Interest Dividend of Three and a Half per Cent., exclusive of Government tax, to their Stockholders, on demand.
J. W. DOWNES, Secretary.
New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.

Office of the Jersey City Insurance Co.,
No. 1 Montgomery-st., Jersey City, Jan. 2, 1863.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand.
J. PAULMIER, Secretary.

New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the Citizens' Fire Insurance Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent., payable on demand.
JAMES B. AMES, Jr., Sec.

DIVIDEND.—THE NATIONAL FIRE INSURance Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent., payable on and after THURSDAY, the 8th inst., at 39 Dey-st.
HENRY F. DROWNE, Secretary.
New-York, January 2, 1863.

Market Bank, New-York, Jan. 1, 1863.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Dividend of Three (3) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 10th inst.
R. BAYLES, Cashier.

Hanover Bank, New-York, Dec. 17, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of three per cent. on the Capital Stock, (free from Government tax,) payable on and after the 2d day of January next.
By order. THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
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Open daily from 10 A. M. to 2, and from 5 to 7 P. M.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on sums of $500 and under; and FIVE PER CENT. on larger sums. Money deposited before the 20th inst. will bear interest from Jan. 1.
EDER V. HAUGHWOUT, President.
JOHN McLEAN, } Vice-Presidents.
MALBY G. LANE, }
GARDNER S. CHAPIN, Secretary.

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SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
AUGUSTUS F. LEE, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
CHATHAM-SQUARE, NEW-YORK.
Open Daily from 10 to 3 and from 5 to 7 P. M.
Deposits from $5 to $5,000 received. SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID on sums of $500 and under—5 per cent. on larger deposits.
Deposits made on or before January 10, will receive interest as from January 1.
M. D. VAN PELT, Pres't.
Jos. P. Cooper, Sec'y. CHAS. D. BAILEY, Treas.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 1 Rector-st., corner of West.
Open from 9 to 2 o'clock daily,
and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 5 to 8 o'clock.
THOS. S. STILLMAN, President.
Isaac T. Smith, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION—NO. 96 Warren-st.—Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on sums from $1 to $500, and 5 per cent. on sums over that amount. Money deposited on or before Saturday, the 10th of January, will draw interest from the 1st. Open Daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. Also on Monday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, from 4 to 7 o'clock, M. E.—Money to loan on Bond and Mortgage.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK, NO. 1 THIRD-AV.—Deposits made on or before the 10th January, will bear interest from the 1st January. Bank open from 9 to 2 P. M., and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 5 to 8 P. M.
THOS. S. STILLMAN, President.
Isaac T. Smith, Secretary.
January 1, 1863.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, NO. 96 WARREN-ST.—The Trustees of this Institution have directed that interest at the rate of Six (6) per cent. per annum, on all sums of $500, and Five (5) per cent. on sums to $1,000, and Four (4) per cent. on larger amount, be paid to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after MONDAY, the 19th of January, 1863. All interest not withdrawn will draw interest the same as principal.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST.—CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK, corner of Bowery and Canal-st., open every day from 9 to 2, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, from 5 to 8.
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Seymour S. Burdsal, Secretary.

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R. H. Ball, Secretary.

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nobody here entertains any doubt whatever as to the ultimate fate of the place whenever we deem it to fall. Anyone listening to the story of these contrabands, witnessing their open joy at the approach of our troops, and their desperate efforts to escape into our lines, finds it very difficult to believe what so many Northern sympathizers tell us—that the slaves are the best of Dixie to wish to leave it. Two of them, while making their escape from it, a day or two ago, were fired at when within three miles of our lines. One was killed, and the other reached our camp faint, and bleeding from a wound in his shoulder.

The City of Baton Rouge remains in the same wretched and gloomy state described in a former letter, except those embrown and unwelcome signs of life, which follow military occupation. Very few families indeed remain; the most of them having fled to Clinton and Jackson. The citizens are more communicative than they were at first; indeed, it is evident to any close observer of human nature, that they would welcome us with open arms, if they dared to do so. The moments only half suppressed; the shattered whisper and stealthy glance around, while speaking to a loyalist; the oft-repeated hope that they will not again be left unprotected—all go to show that however much that hideous Juggernaut—despotism—may have weighed down, it has not yet entirely crushed out the souls of freemen in these regions.

Billy Wilson's Zouaves are managing to get up the same sensations here that seem to form a part of them wherever they go. In going up the river, a private, named Amos Amess, being reprimanded by his Captain, struck the latter, upon which the officer shot him dead. The engineer had scarcely arrived at Baton Rouge before a fight took place, in which one man was shot. It is a pity that these pet lambs don't prevent their animal spirits from running so high, for nobody doubts their bravery and loyalty, and I can, personally, speak of some of their officers as among the most gentlemanly in the service. The regiment is at present established at Baton Rouge.

Affairs in New-Orleans just now, upon the mere surface, are going on as smoothly as possible, but there are vast elements, known to be at work beneath, which invests everything here with the most intense interest. The near approach of the momentous 1st of January—the doubts and surmises as to the state of mind in which that day will find the colored population—the division of public sentiment as to the removal of Gen. Banks—the speculations, pro and contra, as to whether Gen. Banks is either able or willing to hold rebellion down as firmly as his predecessor, or whether, like some deadly and explosive material long confined by force, it is not, on the removal of the pressure, about to rend and destroy all barriers opposed to it—are questions which afford food enough for the thoughtful.

As to the first—the questions involved in the President's first of January Proclamation—I confess I see not the remotest idea for entertaining any of those fears—which many intelligent men do—of the colored population exhibiting on that day anything approaching a spirit of enmity or insubordination against the ruling authorities, and for the very simple reason that they have no cause or inducement whatever. I do not believe there is a single colored man in New-Orleans, or within many miles of it, who does not—to all intents and purposes—look upon *himself as a freeman already*; and as there is no intention on anybody's part to go and kidnap them on the 1st of January, any demonstration among them could only be such a jubilee as they are in the habit of enjoying every first of August in the North.

One apparently trifling, but, to my view, exceedingly significant fact, came to my knowledge yesterday. Having accidentally learnt that the negroes of New-Orleans were having some allegorical images carved, illustrative of their emancipation on the 1st of January, and to be used, in some way or other, on that day, I immediately sought the opportunity of seeing them. On going to the little workshop of the carver—in Julia-street, quite close to Gen. Banks' headquarters—and inquiring about the matter, I was shown by the artist (a jolly and rotund old German) into a back room, when he pointed to his handiwork, chuckling merrily as he did so. Before me stood two wooden figures, one male and the other female, and both the size of life. The heads, hands and a portion of the arms were finished in the artist's best style, and painted dark, but the bodies were mere shapeless blocks, presenting nothing but the roughest outline of the human form, as they were intended to be clothed.

"What are they going to do with them?" I asked.

"Well, you see, ven the 1st of January comes, dey will have one grand room to put dem in. Der is de yoke to go round de necks—and getting a wooden yoke, made expressly for the purpose, he put it to the necks of the figures, uniting them like a pair of oxen. "Den we shall put chains also to de feets," continued his enthusiastic old man. "Well, dey will have one grand dinner, and ven dey have done de wine and gumbo, and what not, de chairman he will get up and say dey are all free, and knock de chain from de feets and de yoke from de necks like zat"—and suiting the action to the word, he gave the yoke a blow which sent it at the feet of the figures, exclaiming at the time: "And by ——, I think dey are right."

Two of Gen. Banks' Staff officers had come in to see this grand work of art—the fame of which had already got bruited about,—and were just in time to hear the above explanation. On being asked whether the negroes intended to get up any public demonstration, our informant said decidedly, "No" that it was intended to be quite a private affair, and that no white men were expected to take any part whatever in the proceedings. Whether or not the authorities will think it right to prohibit a meeting of any description—public or private, of which these allegorical figures may form the central interest, I have not yet heard positively, but I think the chances are ten to one that the use of these emblems will be suppressed *en toute*. *The right or the wrong of doing* so will be for others to argue and determine.

The discussion still continues, without any abatement whatever, as to the merits or demerits of Gen. Banks, and the wisdom or folly of removing him at this critical juncture. I hear so much on both sides—and from men whose honesty and intelligence it is impossible for me to doubt—that I am fairly bewildered as to forming any opinion myself. One thing very certain is, that, however his individual character may come out of this fiery ordeal, Gen. Banks seems to have a vast amount of friends among the loyal population of New-Orleans, and that the disloyal are—to a man—opposed to him. He had yesterday, at the City hall, a grand farewell reception, which filled for full three hours, and the class of citizens who thronged to shake hands with him and bid him Godspeed, was very noticeable; among them a large proportion of ladies. Col. and Acting-Mayor Davis received the General and his Staff, introducing them to the members of the city government. All the military officers in the city who were likely under the General came to pay their respects to him, as did also Gen. Emory and Staff and Gen. Hamilton and Staff.

In the evening was exhibited another great manifestation of public feeling. It having been noticed in the papers that Gen. Banks would be at the Varieties Theatre, and perhaps Gen. Banks, with their respective Staffs, a crowded house was drawn together to see them, and enjoy the fine acting of Mr. Lewis Baker, his accomplished wife, and the charming Mrs. Gladstane, in the play of the "Honeymoon." Gen. Banks did not come, although his Staff did; but we had altogether a grand display of notabilities, in the persons of Maj.-Gen. Augur, and Gov. Hamilton, of Texas, with their Staff officers; Gen. Sheffler, Brig.-Gen. Emory, Gen. Weitzel, Col. Deming, Acting Mayor, and—though last but not least—the renowned Admiral Farragut. *Tout revenir à son Moutons*, the moment Gen. Butler and family appeared in the private box, the actors paused, and there whole house went into loud applause, in which nearly all the ladies present joined. It was impossible to attribute such a vehement reception to any "dead-head" arrangement, and I give the fact just for what it is worth. The General, in all probability, leaves to-morrow for New-York, in the same vessel that will convey this letter.

As to the doubts which seem to be floating about respecting the chances of Gen. Banks pursuing a too lenient and consequently disastrous course, I have only to say, that so far, the rebels among us who would gladly welcome such a change of policy have little to encourage them. Gen. Banks had scarcely assumed the reins of power before the outward aspect of affairs began to change. Things that only the day before would have been scarcely whispered, for fear of Fort Jackson, were openly and loudly uttered in every bar-room and at every street corner; the most insulting and rituals verses and caricatures were got up by the Secessionists against Gen. Butler, and freely circulated about, and the whole air seemed charged with combustible materials that, if not instantly checked, would require but little fanning to burst into a flame. Gen. Banks saw this more clearly than anybody else, and put came the following capital order:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 21, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER No. 114.—Information has been received at these Headquarters that publications, injurious to the character of soldiers of the United States, are circulated in the streets, and that anonymous and threatening letters are sent to officers connected with the public service. Such practices are indecent, offensive and criminal, and must be suppressed. The troops of this department are instructed to observe a respectful deportment to all persons, and the same deference will be exacted from all persons in their favor.

Any attempt on the part of any person whatever, by offensive personal conduct, to excite passion, or which tends to personal altercation or controversy, and the disturbance of the public peace, will be punished with the sharpest severity known to the military law.

The Commanding General requests that any violation of this order may be reported to these Headquarters or to the Provost-Marshal-General.

By command of Maj.-Gen. BANKS.
RICHARD B. IRWIN, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Immediately preceding this order was the following which ought to convince of their fallacy any rebels who may be fancying that they can find a tool in Gen. Banks:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 30, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER No. 113.—Col. JOHN S. CLARK, Aid-de-Camp to the Commanding General, is provisionally appointed Provost-Marshal General of the Department of the Gulf. All applications for permission to trade or travel, within the military lines of the Department, will be made to this officer. No permits will be given at present to travel or trade beyond the lines.

No fees will be charged, received or paid, for the issue of permits either for travel or trade, and no exclusive privileges or monopolies will be recognized or encouraged. It is the desire of the Commanding General to reestablish the privileges of intercourse and commerce within the lines upon the most liberal basis consistent with the interests of the Government.

Such regulations as are necessary to maintain the rights of the Government, and to relieve well disposed and loyal people, will be promulgated in General Orders, and printed upon such passes as shall be issued from the office of the Provost-Marshal General, or his deputies. All such regulations, established for the protection of the Government, will be enforced with relentless military rigor. Any person who seeks and accepts the favor of the Government, and then violates the faith which he has pledged, will be judged guilty of a flagitious crime and punished without appeal or mercy. By command of

Maj.-Gen. BANKS.
RICHARD B. IRWIN, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General.

There is one question here of great interest to our Northern capitalists, and which I do not remember to have seen publicly brought before them. I mean the splendid opportunities now open to Northern capital and enterprise in the sugar plantations of Louisiana. Those Northern teachers of political economy whose sympathy with a slaveholding aristocracy, or ignorance of the real state of affairs here, induces them to ridicule all idea of employing free labor upon Southern plantations, are only hoodwinking the public with their doctrines. "Look at Jamaica," they say. "See what freedom has done in that island. Once let the slave to free, and he ceases forever to work." The only answer to this assertion is, that whatever may or may not be the result of freedom in the tropics, where a semi-savage can afford to be content with nakedness for his clothing, and where prolific nature drops bread from the very trees, almost without the trouble of plucking, the argument has nothing to do with negroes living in a climate like that of Louisiana. Here a free negro—whether he wishes to or not—must work to put food into his mouth and raiment upon his body.

Starting with that fact as an axiom, and adding to it that other fact I have before mentioned—and which will very shortly reduce itself to an axiom also—viz., that the negroes of Louisiana are *already*, to all intents and purposes, as free as they ever can be, it becomes interesting to men of enterprise, both in the North and South, to study how they can turn the present state of things to the best account. That a negro is going to work as well in freedom as he did under the lash in Slavery nobody believes; but it is equally wrong to imagine that his labor is to lose all value if he loses his fetters, and that it is not possible for machinery and other appliances of human ingenuity (even supposing the negro works only half as well) to get out of these splendid lands far more wealth of produce than they ever yielded under the old state of things.

I have taken some trouble to inquire into this matter among those best acquainted with the subject, and never before were such tempting chances open to enterprise and capital. The fact is that seven-tenths of the planters here are insolvent, and many were so through their own extravagance long before the war commenced. The most magnificent estates (that, in palmy days, could only be held by the wealthy, are now so eat up by mortgage and neglect as to be within reach of the small capitalist.

A Southern gentleman, well known and respected in this community, has propounded a plan to me which appears to deserve public attention. Seeing, as many other intelligent Southerners do, that Slavery, as an institution, is doomed forever, he has set his wits to work to see how, out of its shattered fragments, may be collected the materials to graft upon free labor. His plan is to reorganize labor upon something similar to what is known as the COMMUNITY or WHALING system—viz.: to make the producers jointly interested with the capitalists.

To illustrate the probable working of his plan, let us take a plantation of 75 hands, which usually makes, under good management, 750 hogsheads, worth now, with the molasses, $75,000. This estate, with all its mules, carts, implements, machinery, &c.—the interest of which, in former times, at 7 per cent, would have been at least $20,000—can now be rented for $10,000. The cash expenses of the year would be as follows:

75 hands—food and clothing ($1 50 per week each)	$5,850 00
Other cash expenses	4,200 00
Total	$10,050 00

All the other cash expenses of the year are prospective, can be met out of the crop, and will amount to $15,000 or $25,000 in all; deducting which from $75,000, leaves a net profit of $50,000. This profit is proposed to be divided as follows:

To the free laborers, about $216 each	$16,000 00
To the capitalist and managers	34,000 00
Total	$50,000 00

But suppose the negroes only produce half a crop. In that case the expenses would be reduced to $20,000, leaving the capitalist and managers nearly $15,000, or over 100 per cent on the capital actually used.

I am credibly informed that this free labor system is already in operation here, and working admirably. On the Alexandry plantation, 75 white hands (who says nobody but negroes can work here?) got off 160 hogsheads in twelve days, worth, with molasses, about $11,000. The Achee plantation, with 80 free negroes, got off 140 hogsheads in seven days; and others in the same manner that I could go on enumerating. The subject admits of endless illustration, and I propose to come back to it when I have visited some of the plantations, which I hope to in a day or two, to see the practical working of the system. It is not only a social but commercial revolution of great magnitude, and of which we cannot test the result till we see Yankee steam-plows and Yankee steam everything at work in the fat delta of the Mississippi.

I send you the full narrative of two Texan refugees who have just arrived here, and whose story will bear perusal. Among the interesting things they told me, and which I do not think has been published in the North, is that one of the last acts of the rebel Congress, before adjournment, was to pass a law (which was published in the *Houston Telegraph*, and the *Richmond Examiner*,) enabling each Congressman to have his salary raised to $3,000 annually—*payable in specie only*. Another law was that all persons owning 20 slaves, or 500 head of stock, or 200 head of horses, were to be exempt from conscription. As might naturally be expected, these infamous measures were causing no little indignation among the people. Of course, by such an arrangement, the rich man's son could be exempt, while the poor man's is doomed to slaughter. Is it in human nature to think that man so ground down by the iron heel of despotism would not welcome any deliverer, even if he came in the devil's shape instead of a brother's?

News has just reached us, that while the *Empire Parish* steamer was loading sugar yesterday (Monday) at noon, at Meringo Plantation, on the right bank of the river, four miles below Baton Rouge, a party of 120 guerrillas, under command of Capt. Tilner, came down and demanded the surrender of the boat. Capt. Beauchemin refused, upon which they commenced firing, killing the Assistant Engineer, C. McGill, and wounding four, among others, W. J. Reid, of New-Orleans, the agent of the boat. The guerrillas then went down to the plantation of Mr. N. Linzey and rolled down the bank into the river some 60 hogsheads of sugar. They also captured three negroes, nine mules and three carts, and then departed; the *Empire Parish* at the same time backing out and saving herself down the river.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31.

Gen. Banks has, this morning, issued a most important proclamation, which I inclose to you.

News has reached us (this morning of our pickets having been attacked some distance from Baton Rouge, and one man (member of a Battery) was killed. The enemy are said to be prowling about, and feeling their way about us, but nobody expects anything more than scouting from them. They are supposed to have too much to do in looking after themselves at Port Hudson, to be contemplating any aggressive movement towards Baton Rouge.

The Texas part of our movement seems—*pro tem*—to be laid on the shelf. I hear the most extraordinary rumors this morning respecting it, but I have not yet had time to investigate, and indeed must hurry up for the mail. NEMO.

GEN. BANKS' PROCLAMATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24, 1862.

TO THE PEOPLE OF LOUISIANA: In order to correct public misapprehension and misrepresentation; for the instruction of the troops of this Department, and the information of all parties in interest, official publication is hereby made of the Proclamation by the President of the United States relating to the subject of Emancipation. In the examination of this document it will be observed:

I. That it is the declaration of a purpose only—the full execution of which is contingent upon an official designation by the President, to be made on the first day of January next, of the States and parts of States, if any, which are to be affected by its provisions;

II. That the fact that any State is represented in good faith in the Congress of the United States is conclusive evidence, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, that such State and the people thereof are not in rebellion against the United States;

III. That the State of Louisiana has not yet been designated by the President as in rebellion, nor any part thereof, and that it has complied with all the conditions of the Proclamation respecting representation

IV. That pecuniary aid to States not in rebellion, which may hereafter provide for immediate or gradual emancipation; the colonization of persons of African descent elsewhere, and the compensation of all citizens who have remained loyal, "for all losses by acts of the United States, including slaves," are among the chief recommendations of this important paper.

It is manifest that the changes suggested therein, and which may hereafter be established, do not take effect within this State on the 1st of January proximo, nor at any precise period which can now be designated, and I call upon all persons, of whatever estate, condition or degree, soldiers, citizens or slaves, to observe this material and important fact, and to govern themselves accordingly. All unusual public demonstrations, of whatever character, will be prohibited at present, and Provost-Marshals, officers and soldiers are enjoined to prevent any disturbance of the public peace. The slaves are advised to remain upon their plantations until their privileges shall have been definitely established. They may rest assured that whatever benefit the Government intends will be secured to them, but no man can be allowed, in the present condition of affairs, to take the law into his own hands. If they seek the protection of the Government, they should wait its pleasure. Officers invested with command will be vigilant in the discharge of their duties. Leave of absence from camp will not be permitted, except in cases of great emergency. Soldiers enrolled in the regiments of Native Guards, will not be allowed for the present to visit the localities of their enlistment, nor will visitors be received unnecessarily in their camps. These regulations, enforced with all troops of the United States in the localities where they are enlisted, are now temporarily modified. These forces will be allowed to visit their former homes, but they will not be allowed to assume any special authority in making searches, seizures or arrests. It is my purpose to execute faithfully all the orders of the Government, and I assume the responsibility of these instructions as consistent therewith, and require prompt and faithful execution thereof.

Public attention is called to the Act of Congress cited in the Proclamation, which forbids the return of fugitives by officers of the army. No encouragement will be given to laborers to desert their employers, but no authority exists to compel them to return. It is suggested to planters that some plan be adopted by which an equitable proportion of the proceeds of the crops of the coming year, to be hereafter determined upon the judgment of honorable men justly representing the different interests involved, be set apart and reserved for the support and compensation of labor.

The war is not waged by the Government for the overthrow of Slavery. The President has declared, on the contrary, that it is to secure the "constitutional relations between the United States and each of the States" in which that relation is or may be suspended. The resolutions passed by Congress, before the war, with almost unanimous consent, recognized the rights of the States in this regard. Vermont has recently repealed the statutes supposed to be inconsistent therewith. Massachusetts had done so before. Slavery existed by consent and constitutional guaranty; violence and war will inevitably bring it to an end. It is impossible that any military man, in the event of continued war, should counsel the preservation of slave property in the rebel States. If it is to be preserved, war must cease, and the former constitutional relations be again established.

The first gun at Sumter proclaimed emancipation. The continuance of the contest there commenced will consummate that end, and the history of the age will leave no other permanent trace of the rebellion. Its leaders will have accomplished what other men could not have done. The boldest Abolitionist is a cypher when compared with the leaders of the rebellion. What mystery pervades the works of Providence! We submit to its decrees, but stand confounded at the awful manifestations of its wisdom and power! The great problem of the age, apparently environed with labyrinthic complications, is likely to be suddenly lifted out of human hands. We may control the incidents of the contest, but we cannot circumvent or defeat the end. It will be left us only to assuage the horrors of internecine conflict, and to procrastinate the processes of transition. Local and sectional interests are therefore fully dependent upon the suppression of the rebellion.

No pecuniary sacrifice can be too great as equivalent for peace. But it should be permanent peace, and embrace all subjects of discontent. It is written on the blue arch above us; the distant voices of the future, the waves that beat our coast, the skeleton that sit at our tables, and fill the vacant places of desolate and mourning firesides, all cry out that this war must not be repeated hereafter.

Success, in public as in social life, strengthens and consolidates brotherly affection. England, France, Austria, Italy—very land fertile enough to make a history, has had its desolating civil wars. It is a baseless nationality that has not tested its strength against domestic enemies. The success of local interests narrows the destiny of a people, and is followed by secession, poverty and degradation. A divided country and perpetual war make possession a delusion and life a calamity. The triumph of national interests widens the scope of human history, and is attended with peace, prosperity and power. It is out of such contests that great nations are born.

What hallowed memories float around us! New-Orleans is a shrine as sacred as Bunker Hill! On the Artisook and the Oregon the names of Washington, Jackson and Taylor are breathed with as deep a reverence as on the James or the Mississippi. Let us fulfill the conditions of this last great trial, and become a nation—a grand nation—with souls enough to govern ourselves, and strength enough to stand against the world united!

N. P. BANKS, Major-General Commanding.

Loss of Another Ship of the Banks Expedition.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 2.

The ship before reported ashore near Hog Island, Chesapeake Bay, is the *International*, one of the vessels of the Banks Expedition, with Government stores on board. Assistance has been sent from Old Point, but she will probably prove a total loss.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Escape of Stuart Across the Rappahannock.

CONTRABANDS COMING INTO CAMP.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Thursday, Jan. 1.

The day has been unmarked by any movement of importance. The officers of the various Corps have exchanged the civilities of the day.

There is nothing of importance from the front.

Intelligence has been received that Stuart has succeeded in retiring across the Rappahannock near Warrenton.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Gen. Burnside returned from Washington this forenoon, and has been visited by his Grand Division commanders.

Several contrabands came into camp to-day, and were received in accordance with the Proclamation.

CAPTURE OF GUERRILLAS.

Rebel Cavalry Driven from Warrenton.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

The correspondent of the TIMES, with Gen. Buell's column, telegraphs us follows from Stafford Court-house, under date of January 1:

A number of guerrillas were captured yesterday at Chapawamsic Creek, by Col. Carey's forces.

Gen. Averell drove one hundred and sixty rebel cavalry from Warrenton yesterday. Part of Lee's Cavalry passed through that place two hours before the arrival at our forces.

IMPORTANT FROM SUFFOLK, VA.

Gen. Corcoran with his Brigade at that Place—Gen. Peck's Command Moving.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 2.

The *American's* correspondent at Suffolk announces the arrival there of Gen. Corcoran with his entire brigade. He is to take command there.

Gen. Peck's command is moving in another direction.

Nothing with the rebels appears to be of daily occurrence, and they have been routed on every occasion.

Steamship Caledonia Ashore.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 2.

The British steamship *Caledonia*, from Glasgow, *via* Portland, for New-York, went ashore on the night of the 31st. on Peaked Hill Bar, Cape Cod. she is hard and fast.

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THE NEW-YEAR'S HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS CONTINUED.—The same magnificent drama that so charmed a score of thousand persons on New-Year's day will be played this afternoon and evening, and Commodore Nutt and all the other novelties will be on view at all hours day and evening.

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A MENTAL PORTRAIT.—A suitable holiday present, for lady or gentleman, would be a written description of character, as given by FOWLER & WELLS, Phrenologists, No. 308 Broadway.

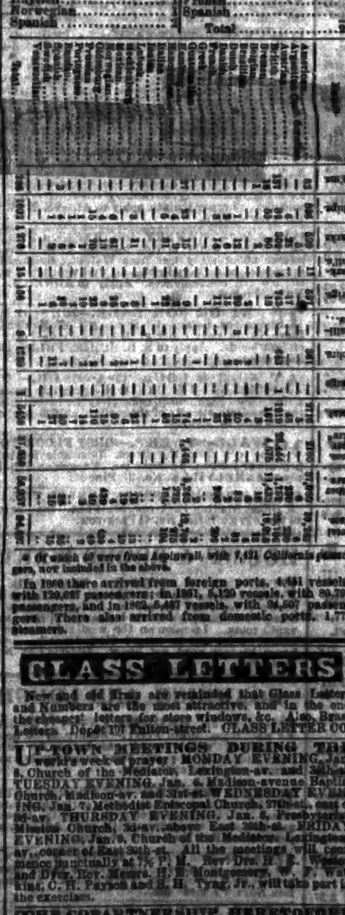
Commerce of the Port of New-York.

To Mr. Andrew W. Trotter, the Boarding-Officer at the United States Revenue Barge Office, Whitehall, we are indebted for the following complete table of arrivals from foreign ports during the year 1862:

War steamers	27	Brigs	1,559
War vessels	1	Schooners	1,339
Steamers	296	Sloops	1
Ships	1,502	Barges	1
Barks	1,204		
Barkentines	15	Total	5,457

Of the war steamers there were:

British	4	War vessels:	
French	12	Swedish	1
Haytien	1	French	1
Norwegian	1	Spanish	1
Spanish	2	Total	20



* Of which 47 were from Aspinwall, with 7,411 California passengers, not included in the above.

In 1860 there arrived from foreign ports, 4,481 vessels, with 120,637 passengers; in 1861, 6,120 vessels, with 89,320 passengers, and in 1862, 5,457 vessels, with 64,607 passengers. There also arrived from domestic ports, 1,776 steamers.

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UP-TOWN MEETINGS DURING THE ensuing week of prayer: MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 5, Church of the Mediator, Lexington-av., and 53d-st. TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 6, Madison-avenue Baptist Church, Madison-av. and 31st-st. WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 7, Methodist Episcopal Church, 57th-st., east of 3d-av. THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, Presbyterian Church, Madison-av. and 42d-st. SUNDAY EVENING, Jan. 9, Church of the Mediator, Lexington-av., corner of East 53d-st. All the meetings will commence punctually at 7½ P. M. Rev. Drs. H. J. Wilson and Dyer, Rev. Messrs. H. E. Montgomery, W. F. Watkins, C. H. Payson and S. H. Tyng, Jr., will take part in the exercises.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between H. H. STERLING & EDWARD KENDALL, under the firm name of H. H. STERLING & CO., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. H. H. STERLING will continue the manufacture of "Sterling's Ambrosia for the Hair," at No. 493 Broadway, and is alone authorized to settle the business of the late firm.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1863.

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CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR, LEXINGTON-av., corner of East 53d-st. Services on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. The Rector, Rev. STEBBINS H. TYNG, Jr., will officiate.

MR. WASHINGTON MANLEY IS THIS day admitted a partner in our firm.

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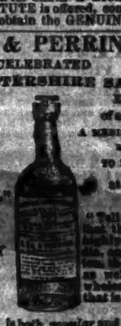

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